

GUI - lecture notes

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Abstract classes, interfaces, inner classes and lambdas

1.1 Abstract classes

Abstract classes are those which contain at least one abstract method, i.e., a method only declared but not defined. Both abstract classes and methods must be marked as such with the keyword **abstract**. It is not possible to create an object of an abstract class (as it is not fully implemented) — their *raison d'être* is to be extended. Extending (inheriting) class must provide definitions of methods declared but not defined in its abstract superclass, otherwise it will still be abstract itself. As a matter of fact, an abstract class *may* have all its methods implemented and still be declared as **abstract** — then it will be still impossible to create its objects and its only purpose is to serve as a base class for other classes.

Abstract classes provide a common interface (collection of methods) to a set of classes which can implement these methods in different ways. What is important is that we can declare references to abstract types while objects pointed to by these references are all of derived types (they cannot be objects of the base, abstract, class because such object cannot be even created).

Let us consider an example of an abstract class **Figure**, representing geometrical figures. Of course, if all we know is that something is a figure, we cannot say much about its area or perimeter: for this we should know its type more precisely. Therefore **getArea** and **getPerimeter** are declared abstract:

Listing 1

EPZ-AbsFig/Figure.java

```

1  abstract class Figure {
2
3      abstract public double getArea();
4      abstract public double getPerimeter();
5
6      static public Figure getFigMaxArea(Figure[] figs) {
7          double maxarea = 0;
8          Figure maxfig = null;
9          for (Figure f : figs) {
10             double area = f.getArea();
11             if (area > maxarea) {
12                 maxarea = area;
13                 maxfig = f;
14             }
15         }
16         return maxfig;
17     }
18
19     @Override
20     public String toString() {
21         return " area: "
22             + String.format("%6.3f",getArea())

```

```

23         + "; perimeter: "
24         + String.format("%6.3f",getPerimeter());
25     }
26 }

```

Class **Circle** inherits **Figure** and provides definitions of the abstract methods. It also overrides **toString** — note, how its implementation uses that from the base class (by using **super**).

Listing 2

EPZ-AbsFig/Circle.java

```

1  public class Circle extends Figure {
2      private double r;
3
4      public Circle(double r) {
5          this.r = r;
6      }
7
8      @Override
9      public double getArea() {
10         return Math.PI*r*r;
11     }
12     @Override
13     public double getPerimeter() {
14         return 2*Math.PI*r;
15     }
16     @Override
17     public String toString() {
18         return "Circle    (    r=" + r + "    )"
19             + super.toString();
20     }
21 }

```

as does **Rectangle**

Listing 3

EPZ-AbsFig/Rectangle.java

```

1  public class Rectangle extends Figure {
2      private double a, b;
3
4      public Rectangle(double a, double b) {
5          this.a = a;
6          this.b = b;
7      }
8
9      @Override
10     public double getArea() {
11         return a*b;

```

```

12     }
13
14     @Override
15     public double getPerimeter() {
16         return 2*(a+b);
17     }
18
19     @Override
20     public String toString() {
21         return "Rectangle (a=" + a + " b=" + b + ")"
22             + super.toString();
23     }
24 }

```

and we can now check our classes in

Listing 4

EPZ-AbsFig/Main.java

```

1  import java.util.Locale;
2
3  public class Main {
4      public static void main(String[] args) {
5          // to have decimal point instead of a comma...
6          Locale.setDefault(Locale.US);
7
8          Figure[] figs = {
9              new Circle(2),      new Rectangle(9,1),
10             new Rectangle(4,3), new Circle(4)
11         };
12
13         Figure fig = Figure.getFigMaxArea(figs);
14         System.out.println("\nLargest area: \n" + fig);
15     }
16 }

```

1.2 Interfaces

Interfaces are, in a sense, “pure” abstract classes — they only declare one or more methods, but do not implement them (but see below). All methods are, by definition, **public**, even if not declared as such. Also, unimplemented methods are *not* declared as **abstract** (although they are abstract).

Interfaces can also *define*:

- final, static constants;
- default methods, marked with the keyword **default**;
- *private* methods, used internally by its default methods — these private methods, of course, are not visible for the user and do not belong to the ‘contract’.
- *static* methods — which can be public and are accessible for the users.

Interfaces with *only one* abstract method (but, perhaps, with some default methods and static member functions already implemented) are called **functional interfaces** and play a special rôle in Java (more about it later — see 7, p. 80).

What's important is the fact that any class can *extend* (directly inherit from) only one class, but may *implement* **any number of interfaces**.

Interfaces define a “contract” — if we know that a class implements a given interface, we know that all its abstract methods must have been implemented somehow and hence it is safe to call these methods on object of such a class. We can also declare references of interface type — they can refer to objects of *any* classes implementing the interface, even if their types belong to completely separate subtrees of the class hierarchy.

Let us consider the following example. We define an interface, **IMyStack**, which defines a ‘contract’ of a stack. What is a stack? It is something that has **pop**, **push** and **empty** methods. We can then create concrete classes that implement this interface in different ways — for example using an array or using the singly-linked list (**MyStackArr** and **MyStackList**, respectively, in the example below). Note the function **testStack**. Its single argument is declared as ‘something’ of type **IMyStack** — there will be no objects of this type because it is not a concrete class but an interface. However, this declaration means ‘anything what implements **IMyStack** will be accepted’. We can then safely call **push**, **pop** and **empty** on the object passed to the function because we know that they have to be implemented somehow.

Listing 5

ELJ-InterStack/MyStacks.java

```
1 public class MyStacks {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         testStack(new MyStackArr(10));
4         testStack(new MyStackList());
5     }
6
7     public static void testStack(IMyStack stack) {
8         stack.push(5);
9         stack.push(4);
10        stack.push(3);
11        stack.push(2);
12        while (!stack.empty()) {
13            System.out.print(stack.pop() + " ");
14        }
15        System.out.println();
16    }
17 }
18
19
20 interface IMyStack {
21     int pop();           // public automatically
22     void push(int i);
23     boolean empty();
24 }
25
26 class MyStackArr implements IMyStack {
27     int[] arr;
```



```

28     int    top;
29     public MyStackArr(int size) {
30         arr = new int[size];
31         top = 0;
32     }
33     public int pop() {
34         return arr[--top];
35     }
36     public void push(int i) {
37         arr[top++] = i;
38     }
39     public boolean empty() {
40         return top == 0;
41     }
42 }

43
44 class MyStackList implements IMyStack {
45     private static class Node {
46         int data;
47         Node next;
48         Node(int d, Node n) {
49             data = d;
50             next = n;
51         }
52         Node(int d) {
53             this(d, null);
54         }
55     }
56     private Node head = null;
57     public int pop() {
58         int d = head.data;
59         head = head.next;
60         return d;
61     }
62     public void push(int d) {
63         head = new Node(d, head);
64     }
65     public boolean empty() {
66         return head == null;
67     }
68 }

```

Let us now consider another example. We define an interface that has only one abstract method: **lt** (*less than*). All other methods (**gt** — *greater than*, **ge** — *greater or equal than*, etc.) have default implementation expressed, directly or indirectly, by this one abstract method. Therefore, to implement this interface we only have to implement **lt** — all other methods will then work automatically!

Listing 6

ELS-DefIntSimple/MyCompar.java

```

1 public interface MyCompar {
2     // abstract
3     boolean lt(int lhs, int rhs);
4
5     // implemented directly in terms of the abstract
6     default boolean gt(int lhs, int rhs) {
7         return lt(rhs, lhs);
8     }
9     default boolean ge(int lhs, int rhs) {
10        return !lt(lhs, rhs);
11    }
12    default boolean le(int lhs, int rhs) {
13        return !lt(rhs, lhs);
14    }
15    default boolean eq(int lhs, int rhs) {
16        return !lt(lhs, rhs) && !lt(rhs, lhs);
17    }
18    // implemented indirectly in terms of the abstract
19    default boolean ne(int lhs, int rhs) {
20        return !eq(lhs, rhs);
21    }
22 }

```

Then we define three classes implementing this interface: one compares integers by their values

Listing 7

ELS-DefIntSimple/CompVal.java

```

1 public class CompVal implements MyCompar {
2     @Override
3     public boolean lt(int lhs, int rhs) {
4         return lhs < rhs;
5     }
6 }

```

the second by sum of digits

Listing 8

ELS-DefIntSimple/CompDigits.java

```

1 public class CompDigits implements MyCompar {
2     @Override
3     public boolean lt(int lhs, int rhs) {
4         return sumOfDigs(lhs) < sumOfDigs(rhs);
5     }
6     private static int sumOfDigs(int n) {
7         int sum = 0;
8         n = n < 0 ? -n : n;

```

```

9         while (n != 0) {
10             sum += n % 10;
11             n /= 10;
12         }
13         return sum;
14     }
15 }

```

and the third by value, but reversed

Listing 9

ELS-DefIntSimple/CompValRev.java

```

1 public class CompValRev implements MyCompar {
2     @Override
3     public boolean lt(int lhs, int rhs) {
4         return lhs > rhs;
5     }
6 }

```

Now in **Main** we can use all three implementations; each of them has full set of all methods implemented although they override only one method:

Listing 10

ELS-DefIntSimple/Main.java

```

1 public class Main {
2     public static void main (String[] args) {
3
4         MyCompar cmpVal = new CompVal();
5         MyCompar cmpSum = new CompDigits();
6         MyCompar cmpVaR = new CompValRev();
7
8         compare("cmpVal - BY VALUE", cmpVal,
9                 10, 2, 3, 12, 5, 22);
10        compare("cmpSum - BY SUM OF DIGITS", cmpSum,
11                10, 2, 3, 12, 5, 22);
12        compare("cmpVaR - BY VALUE REVERSED", cmpVaR,
13                10, 2, 3, 12, 5, 22);
14    }
15
16    private static void compare(String message,
17                                MyCompar cmp, int... pairs) {
18        System.out.println("\n===== " + message);
19        for (int k = 0; k < pairs.length; k += 2) {
20            int a = pairs[k], b = pairs[k+1];
21            System.out.println("** (" + a + ", " + b + "): " +
22                                "lt->" + cmp.lt(a, b) + ", " +
23                                "le->" + cmp.le(a, b) + "\n" +
24                                "gt->" + cmp.gt(a, b) + ", " +

```

```

25         "ge->" + cmp.ge(a,b) + ", " +
26         "eq->" + cmp.eq(a,b) + ", " +
27         "ne->" + cmp.ne(a,b) );
28     }
29 }
30 }

```

The program prints

```

===== cmpVal - BY VALUE
** (10,2): lt->false, le->false
    gt->true, ge->true, eq->false, ne->true
** (3,12): lt->true, le->true
    gt->false, ge->false, eq->false, ne->true
** (5,22): lt->true, le->true
    gt->false, ge->false, eq->false, ne->true

===== cmpSum - BY SUM OF DIGITS
** (10,2): lt->true, le->true
    gt->false, ge->false, eq->false, ne->true
** (3,12): lt->false, le->true
    gt->false, ge->true, eq->true, ne->false
** (5,22): lt->false, le->false
    gt->true, ge->true, eq->false, ne->true

===== cmpVaR - BY VALUE REVERSED
** (10,2): lt->true, le->true
    gt->false, ge->false, eq->false, ne->true
** (3,12): lt->false, le->false
    gt->true, ge->true, eq->false, ne->true
** (5,22): lt->false, le->false
    gt->true, ge->true, eq->false, ne->true

```

Let us now consider an example of a functional interface with abstract method. In the program below, we define **Fun** interface which declares one abstract method (**apply**) but is additionally equipped with a static function (**transformArray**) taking one array of doubles and returning another whose elements are the results of applying a function to elements of the input array. The function takes, as its second argument, the reference to an object of any class implementing the **Fun** interface and therefore providing a definition of the **apply** method:

Listing 11

ELL-InterFun/InterFun.java

```

1 public class Main {
2     public static void main (String[] args) {
3
4         MyCompar cmpVal = new CompVal();
5         MyCompar cmpSum = new CompDigits();
6         MyCompar cmpVaR = new CompValRev();
7
8         compare("cmpVal - BY VALUE", cmpVal,

```

```

9         10,2, 3,12, 5,22);
10    compare("cmpSum - BY SUM OF DIGITS", cmpSum,
11           10,2, 3,12, 5,22);
12    compare("cmpVaR - BY VALUE REVERSED", cmpVaR,
13           10,2, 3,12, 5,22);
14    }
15
16    private static void compare(String message,
17                               MyCompar cmp, int... pairs) {
18        System.out.println("\n===== " + message);
19        for (int k = 0; k < pairs.length; k += 2) {
20            int a = pairs[k], b = pairs[k+1];
21            System.out.println("** (" + a + ", " + b + "): " +
22                               "lt->" + cmp.lt(a,b) + ", " +
23                               "le->" + cmp.le(a,b) + "\n" +
24                               "gt->" + cmp.gt(a,b) + ", " +
25                               "ge->" + cmp.ge(a,b) + ", " +
26                               "eq->" + cmp.eq(a,b) + ", " +
27                               "ne->" + cmp.ne(a,b) );
28        }
29    }
30 }

```

Here, we first apply the **sin** function to an array of doubles, and then we apply multiplication by 2 to the resulting array. The program prints

```
[-0.9999999999999999, 0.9999999999999999, -0.9999999999999994]
```

Many important interfaces are already defined in the standard library. For example, **Comparable** declares one abstract method

```
int compareTo(Object)
```

Given objects *a* and *b*, *a.compareTo(b)* returns something negative if *a* is “smaller” than *b*, something positive if *b* is smaller, and 0 if they are considered equal. When declaring that a class implements this interface for objects of type **T**, we should always indicate this type (in angle brackets) — then we can declare the type of the argument as **T** and not **Object** (and no casting is required). Classes implementing **Comparable** are said to be equipped with **natural order**. .

In the (abstract) class **Figure** below , we declare and define **compareTo** (remember that all methods declared in an interface are by definition public, so overriding them we must not forget about **public**) specifically for **Figures** and therefore we declare the class as implementing **Comparable<Figure>**:

Listing 12

EQA-AbstractFigs/Figure.java

```

1  abstract class Figure implements Comparable<Figure> {
2
3      abstract public double getArea();
4      abstract public double getPerimeter();
5
6      static public Figure getFigMaxArea(Figure[] figs) {

```

```

7      double maxarea = 0;
8      Figure maxfig = null;
9      for (Figure f : figs) {
10         double area = f.getArea();
11         if (area > maxarea) {
12             maxarea = area;
13             maxfig = f;
14         }
15     }
16     return maxfig;
17 }

18
19 @Override
20 public String toString() {
21     return " area: "
22         + String.format("%6.3f",getArea())
23         + "; perimeter: "
24         + String.format("%6.3f",getPerimeter());
25 }

26
27 @Override
28 public int compareTo(Figure f) {
29     double diff = getPerimeter() - f.getPerimeter();
30     if (diff < 0) return -1;
31     else if (diff > 0) return +1;
32     else return 0;
33 }
34 }

```

Then we can define implementing classes: **Circle**

Listing 13

EQA-AbstractFigs/Circle.java

```

1 public class Circle extends Figure {
2     private double r;
3
4     public Circle(double r) {
5         this.r = r;
6     }
7
8     @Override
9     public double getArea() {
10         return Math.PI*r*r;
11     }
12     @Override
13     public double getPerimeter() {
14         return 2*Math.PI*r;
15     }
16     @Override

```

```

17     public String toString() {
18         return "Circle    (    r=" + r + "    )"
19             + super.toString();
20     }
21 }

```

and **Rectangle**

Listing 14 EQA-AbstractFigs/Rectangle.java

```

1  public class Rectangle extends Figure {
2      private double a, b;
3
4      public Rectangle(double a, double b) {
5          this.a = a;
6          this.b = b;
7      }
8
9      @Override
10     public double getArea() {
11         return a*b;
12     }
13
14     @Override
15     public double getPerimeter() {
16         return 2*(a+b);
17     }
18
19     @Override
20     public String toString() {
21         return "Rectangle (a=" + a + " b=" + b + ")"
22             + super.toString();
23     }
24 }

```

Then in **main** we can use **sort** and Java will know how to compare figures: it will just call **compareTo** (it knows it is there, because the compiler can see that **Figure** implements **Comparable**, otherwise the program would not even compile):

Listing 15 EQA-AbstractFigs/Main.java

```

1  import java.util.Arrays;
2  import java.util.Locale;
3
4  public class Main {
5      public static void main(String[] args) {
6          // to have decimal point instead of a comma...
7          Locale.setDefault(Locale.US);
8      }
9  }

```

```

9      Figure[] figs = {
10          new Circle(2),      new Rectangle(9,1),
11          new Rectangle(4,3), new Circle(4)
12      };
13
14      Figure fig = Figure.getFigMaxArea(figs);
15      System.out.println("\nLargest area: \n" + fig);
16
17      Arrays.sort(figs);
18      System.out.println("\nSorted by circumference:");
19      for (Figure f : figs)
20          System.out.println(f);
21  }
22 }

```

The program prints

```

Largest area:
Circle      (   r=4.0   ) area: 50.265; perimeter: 25.133

```

```

Sorted by circumference:
Circle      (   r=2.0   ) area: 12.566; perimeter: 12.566
Rectangle (a=4.0 b=3.0) area: 12.000; perimeter: 14.000
Rectangle (a=9.0 b=1.0) area:  9.000; perimeter: 20.000
Circle      (   r=4.0   ) area: 50.265; perimeter: 25.133

```

Any class can implement only one natural order. However it may happen that we want to use (e.g., for sorting) different criteria. We then can create an object which will be used as a comparator even if a natural order exist: it will be an object of a type implementing **Comparator** with only one abstract method

```
int compare(Object, Object)
```

Then, if *ob* is an object of this class and *a* and *b* are to be compared, *ob.compare(a,b)* should return something negative if *a* is “smaller” than *b*, something positive if *b* is smaller, and 0 if they are considered equal. As with **Comparable**, when declaring a class implementing **Comparator**, we should always indicate the type, call it **T**, of objects it is supposed to be able to compare (in angle brackets) — then we can declare the type of the arguments of **compare** as **T** and not **Object** (and no casting is required).

Let us consider an example: class **Person** has a natural order (as it implements **Comparable**)

Listing 16 ELP-Comps2/Person.java

```

1 public class Person implements Comparable<Person> {
2
3     final static int currentYear =
4         java.util.Calendar.getInstance().
5             get(java.util.Calendar.YEAR);
6
7     String name;
8     int    birthYear;

```



```

9      int    height;
10
11      Person(String n, int y, int h) {
12          name      = n;
13          birthYear = y;
14          height    = h;
15      }
16
17      /**
18       * natural order: by name, then age, then height
19       */
20      @Override
21      public int compareTo(Person o) {
22          int k = name.compareToIgnoreCase(o.name);
23          if ( k != 0 ) return k;
24          k = o.birthYear - birthYear;
25          if ( k != 0 ) return k;
26          return height - o.height;
27      }
28
29      public String toString() {
30          return name + "(" + (currentYear-birthYear) +
31                  "/" + height + ")";
32      }
33 }

```

In order to be able to compare persons in different ways, not necessarily determined by the natural order, we define two different classes representing comparators of **Persons**

Listing 17

ELP-Comps2/Comparators.java

```

1  import java.util.Comparator;
2
3  // package classes (not public)
4
5  /**
6   * Comparator 1: by height, then age , then name
7   */
8  class Comp1 implements Comparator<Person> {
9      @Override
10     public int compare(Person o1, Person o2) {
11         int k = o1.height - o2.height;
12         if ( k != 0 ) return k;
13         k = o2.birthYear - o1.birthYear;
14         if ( k != 0 ) return k;
15         return o1.name.compareToIgnoreCase(o2.name);
16     }
17 }
18

```

```

19  /**
20   * Comparator 2: by age, then by name, then by height
21   */
22  class Comp2 implements Comparator<Person> {
23      @Override
24      public int compare(Person o1, Person o2) {
25          int k = o2.birthYear - o1.birthYear;
26          if ( k != 0 ) return k;
27          k = o1.name.compareToIgnoreCase(o2.name);
28          if ( k != 0 ) return k;
29          return o1.height-o2.height;
30      }
31  }

```

which now can be used, for example, to sort arrays or lists of **Persons**:

Listing 18

ELP-Comps2/Main.java

```

1  import java.util.ArrayList;
2  import java.util.Collections;
3  import java.util.Comparator;
4  import java.util.List;
5
6  public class Main {
7      public static void main(String[] args) {
8          new Main();
9      }
10
11     Main() {
12         List<Person> list = new ArrayList<Person>();
13         list.add(new Person("K",1980,165));
14         list.add(new Person("B",1986,171));
15         list.add(new Person("K",1980,168));
16         list.add(new Person("H",1980,171));
17         list.add(new Person("M",1980,171));
18         list.add(new Person("K",1980,169));
19         list.add(new Person("B",1979,171));
20         list.add(new Person("G",1975,171));
21
22         // natural
23         Collections.sort(list);
24         writeL(list, "Natural: name, age, height");
25
26         // comparator Comp1
27         Collections.sort(list, new Comp1());
28         writeL(list, "Comp1:  height, age, name");
29
30         // comparator Comp2
31         Comparator<Person> comp2 = new Comp2();

```

```

32     Collections.sort(list, comp2);
33     writeL(list, "Comp2:   age, name, height");
34
35     // anonymous comparator
36     Collections.sort(list, new Comparator<Person>() {
37         @Override
38         public int compare(Person p, Person q) {
39             int k = p.name.compareToIgnoreCase(q.name);
40             if ( k != 0 ) return k;
41             k = p.height - q.height;
42             if ( k != 0 ) return k;
43             return q.birthYear - p.birthYear;
44         }
45     });
46     writeL(list, "Anonym:  name, height, age");
47
48     // lambda
49     Collections.sort(list, (f,s) -> f.height-s.height);
50     writeL(list, "Lambda:  name, height, age");
51 }
52
53 static void writeL(List<Person> list, String header) {
54     System.out.println('\n'+header);
55     for (Person p : list) System.out.print(p+" ");
56     System.out.println();
57 }
58 }

```

The program prints

```

Natural: name, age, height
B(33/171) B(40/171) G(44/171) H(39/171)
K(39/165) K(39/168) K(39/169) M(39/171)

```

```

Comp1:   height, age, name
K(39/165) K(39/168) K(39/169) B(33/171)
H(39/171) M(39/171) B(40/171) G(44/171)

```

```

Comp2:   age, name, height
B(33/171) H(39/171) K(39/165) K(39/168)
K(39/169) M(39/171) B(40/171) G(44/171)

```

```

Anonym:  name, height, age
B(33/171) B(40/171) G(44/171) H(39/171)
K(39/165) K(39/168) K(39/169) M(39/171)

```

```

Lambda:  name, height, age
K(39/165) K(39/168) K(39/169) B(33/171)
B(40/171) G(44/171) H(39/171) M(39/171)

```

Let us consider another, but similar, example. We again create a class representing persons (equipped with a natural order)

Listing 19

ELM-Comps1/Person.java

```
1 public class Person implements Comparable<Person> {
2
3     private String name;
4     private int    year;
5
6     public Person(String name, int year) {
7         this.name = name;
8         this.year = year;
9     }
10
11     @Override
12     public int compareTo(Person other) {
13         int diff = year - other.year;
14         if (diff != 0) return diff;
15         else          return name.compareTo(other.name);
16     }
17
18     public String getName() { return name; }
19     public int   getYear()  { return year; }
20
21     @Override
22     public String toString() {
23         return name + "(" + year + ")";
24     }
25
26     static void show(Person[] persons, String message) {
27         System.out.println(message);
28         for (Person person : persons)
29             System.out.print(person + " ");
30         System.out.println("\n");
31     }
32 }
```

Now, we create only one class, **CompPerson**, objects of which can be used as comparators of **Persons**. The class contains one field, set by the constructor. In the example below it is an enumerator, but equally well it could have been an integer. When creating an object of this class, we will pass to the constructor information about the way we want persons to be compared — therefore, our class is in a way ‘configurable’

Listing 20

ELM-Comps1/CompPerson.java

```
1 import java.util.Comparator;
2
3 public class CompPerson implements Comparator<Person> {
```

```

4
5     public static enum Comp { BY_NAME,    BY_YEAR,
6                               BY_NAMERev, BY_YEARRev };
7
8     private Comp comp;
9
10    public CompPerson(Comp comp) {
11        this.comp = comp;
12    }
13
14    @Override
15    public int compare(Person p1, Person p2) {
16
17        int rYear = p1.getYear() - p2.getYear();
18        int rName = p1.getName().compareTo(p2.getName());
19
20        int result = 0;
21
22        switch (comp) {
23            case BY_NAME:
24                result = rName != 0 ? rName : rYear; break;
25            case BY_NAMERev:
26                result = rName != 0 ? -rName : rYear; break;
27            case BY_YEAR:
28                result = rYear != 0 ? rYear : rName; break;
29            case BY_YEARRev:
30                result = rYear != 0 ? -rYear : rName; break;
31        }
32        return result;
33    }

```

Then we can use objects of this class as a comparator to sort collections (or arrays) of **Persons** in various ways:

Listing 21

ELM-Comps1/Main.java

```

1  import java.util.Arrays;
2
3  public class Main {
4
5      public static void main(String[] args) {
6          Person[] persons = {
7              new Person("Mary", 1990),
8              new Person("Joan", 1992),
9              new Person("Suzy", 1992),
10             new Person("Beth", 1992),
11             new Person("Suzy", 1980),
12             new Person("Katy", 1982),
13         };

```

```

14     Person.show(persons,"At the beginning:");
15
16     Arrays.sort(persons);
17     Person.show(persons,"Natural order: " +
18         "by year, then by name");
19
20     Arrays.sort(persons,
21         new CompPerson(CompPerson.Comp.BY_NAME));
22     Person.show(persons,"Order BY_NAME: " +
23         "by name, then by year");
24
25     Arrays.sort(persons,
26         new CompPerson(CompPerson.Comp.BY_NAMERev));
27     Person.show(persons,"Order BY_NAMERev: " +
28         "by name reversed, then by year");
29
30     Arrays.sort(persons,
31         new CompPerson(CompPerson.Comp.BY_YEAR));
32     Person.show(persons,"Order BY_YEAR: " +
33         "by year, then by name");
34
35     Arrays.sort(persons,
36         new CompPerson(CompPerson.Comp.BY_YEARRev));
37     Person.show(persons,"Order BY_YEARRev: " +
38         "by year reversed, then by name");
39
40     Arrays.sort(persons,
41         (f,s) -> s.getYear() - f.getYear());
42     Person.show(persons,"Order by lambda : " +
43         "by year ");
44 }
45 }

```

The program prints

At the beginning:

Mary(1990) Joan(1992) Suzy(1992) Beth(1992) Suzy(1980) Katy(1982)

Natural order: by year, then by name

Suzy(1980) Katy(1982) Mary(1990) Beth(1992) Joan(1992) Suzy(1992)

Order BY_NAME: by name, then by year

Beth(1992) Joan(1992) Katy(1982) Mary(1990) Suzy(1980) Suzy(1992)

Order BY_NAMERev: by name reversed, then by year

Suzy(1980) Suzy(1992) Mary(1990) Katy(1982) Joan(1992) Beth(1992)

Order BY_YEAR: by year, then by name

Suzy(1980) Katy(1982) Mary(1990) Beth(1992) Joan(1992) Suzy(1992)

```
Order BY_YEARRev: by year reversed, then by name
Beth(1992) Joan(1992) Suzy(1992) Mary(1990) Katy(1982) Suzy(1980)
```

```
Order by lambda : by year
Beth(1992) Joan(1992) Suzy(1992) Mary(1990) Katy(1982) Suzy(1980)
```

1.3 Inner and anonymous classes

It is possible to define a class inside another class — we then say that it is an **inner class**; the class in which an inner class is defined is its **outer** (or **surrounding**) class. An inner class may be defined as static or non-static.

1.3.1 Non-static inner classes

Let us consider *non-static* inner classes first. Objects of an inner class cannot be created independently of objects of its surrounding class: they always contain a reference to a “parent” object of the outer class — this reference is accessible under the name `Outer.this`, where **Outer** is the name of the surrounding class. Therefore, such objects may only be created inside methods of the outer class (and `this` will be equivalent to `Outer.this` inside the object created) or by invoking `new Inner(...)` on an object of the outer class.

What is also important is the fact that both classes, an inner class and its surrounding class, are “friends”, i.e., all members, even private, of one of them are directly accessible by methods of the other, what is illustrated in the example below:

Listing 22

ELH-OutInn/OutInn.java

```
1  class Outer {
2      private String sOut;
3      Outer(String s) { sOut = s; }
4
5      class Inner {
6          private String sInn;
7          Inner(String s) { sInn = s; }
8          @Override
9          public String toString() {
10             return "Inner-" + sInn + " parent " +
11                 "Outer-" + Outer.this.sOut; // <- syntax!
12                                             // note that
13                                             // sOut is
14                                             // private!
15         }
16     }
17
18     public Inner getInner(String i) {
19         Inner inn = new Inner(i);
20         System.out.println("Creating inner " + inn.sInn);
21         return inn;
22     }
23 }
```

```

24     @Override
25     public String toString() { return "Outer-" + sOut; }
26 }
27
28 public class OutInn {
29     public static void main (String[] args) {
30         Outer out1 = new Outer("out1");
31         Outer.Inner inn1 = out1.getInner("inn1");
32         Outer.Inner inn2 = out1.new Inner("inn2");
33         System.out.println(out1);
34         System.out.println(inn1);
35         System.out.println(inn2);
36         System.out.println(out1.getClass().getName());
37         System.out.println(inn1.getClass().getName());
38         System.out.println(inn2.getClass().getName());
39     }
40 }

```

which prints

```

Creating inner inn1
Outer-out1
Inner-inn1 parent Outer-out1
Inner-inn2 parent Outer-out1
Outer
Outer$Inner
Outer$Inner

```

1.3.2 Static inner classes

An inner class may also be declared as **static**. It is still a “friend” of the outer class, but there is no `Outer.this` inside the object of the inner class; therefore, objects of the inner class may exist independently of any objects of the outer class.

In the example below class **MyStack** represents a stack (of integers) implemented as a singly linked list. We need a class representing individual nodes of the list, but the user of the stack doesn’t need to know about its existence; therefore we define **Node** as a private static inner class inside **MyStack**:

Listing 23

GMC-StackSimple/MyStack.java

```

1 public class MyStack {
2     // static inner class
3     private static class Node {
4         int data;
5         Node next;
6         Node(int d, Node n) {
7             data = d;
8             next = n;
9         }
10    }

```



```

11
12     private Node top;
13
14     public MyStack() {
15         top = null;
16     }
17     public void push(int d) {
18         top = new Node(d, top);
19     }
20     public int pop() {
21         int d = top.data;
22         top = top.next;
23         return d;
24     }
25     public boolean empty() {
26         return top == null;
27     }
28 }

```

and the user uses only objects of type **MyStack**; class **Node** is just an “implementation detail”:

Listing 24

GMC-StackSimple/StackSimple.java

```

1 public class StackSimple {
2     public static void main (String[] args) {
3         MyStack stInt = new MyStack();
4         for (int i = 5; i > 0; --i)
5             stInt.push(i);
6         while (!stInt.empty())
7             System.out.print(stInt.pop() + " ");
8         System.out.println();
9     }
10 }

```

1.3.3 Anonymous classes

Sometimes we have to create just one object of a type which implements an interface, or extends an abstract class, or behaves as an object of an existing concrete class but with one or a few methods overridden: in such situation one can use object of an **anonymous class**. The syntax is illustrated in the example below: after **new** we specify a class (concrete or abstract) that we want our anonymous class to extend, or an interface that we want it to implement. In the first case we can also pass arguments to a constructor; in any case round parentheses are obligatory. Then, in curly braces, we write an implementation (normally, we just override one or more methods). The compiler will then create an anonymous class and return an object of this type:

```
1 interface BiIntOperator {
2     int apply(int i, int j);
3 }
4
5 class AddAndMult implements BiIntOperator {
6     int seed;
7     AddAndMult(int seed) { this.seed = seed; }
8     AddAndMult()         { this(1); }
9     @Override
10    public int apply(int i, int j) { return seed*(i + j); }
11 }
12
13 class MultAndAdd implements BiIntOperator {
14     int seed;
15     MultAndAdd(int seed) { this.seed = seed; }
16     MultAndAdd()         { this(1); }
17     @Override
18    public int apply(int i, int j) { return seed + i*j; }
19 }
20
21 public class Anon {
22     public static void main(String[] args) {
23         BiIntOperator[] ops = {
24             // objects of concrete classes
25             // implementing an interface
26             new AddAndMult(2),
27             new MultAndAdd(5),
28             // object of anonymous class
29             // implementing an interface
30             new BiIntOperator() {
31                 @Override
32                 public int apply(int i, int j) {
33                     return i*i + j*j;
34                 }
35             },
36             // object of anonymous class
37             // extending a 'normal' class
38             new MultAndAdd(3) {
39                 @Override
40                 public int apply(int i, int j) {
41                     return seed*(i*i + j*j);
42                 }
43             }
44         };
45         int a = 1, b = 2;
46         for (BiIntOperator op : ops)
47             System.out.print(op.apply(a,b) + " ");
48         System.out.println();
49     }
50 }
```

```
49     }
50 }
```

(the program prints 6 7 5 15).

Of course, we cannot create another object of such an anonymous class, because it doesn't even have a name. For the same reason, anonymous classes cannot define any constructors.

Another example illustrating abstract and anonymous classes: we define an abstract class **Animal**

Listing 26

EQE-AbstractAnimals/Animal.java

```
1 public abstract class Animal {
2     String name;
3     double weight;
4
5     public Animal(String name, double weight) {
6         this.name = name;
7         this.weight = weight;
8     }
9
10    abstract public String speak();
11
12    @Override
13    public String toString() {
14        return name + "(" + weight + ") - " + speak();
15    }
16 }
```

and then we use it in a program creating various animals

Listing 27

EQE-AbstractAnimals/Main.java

```
1 public class Main {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3
4         Animal max =
5             new Animal("Max", 15) {
6                 @Override
7                 public String speak() {
8                     return "bow-wow";
9                 }
10            };
11
12         Animal[] animals =
13             {
14                 max,
15                 new Animal("Batty", 3.5) {
```

```

16         @Override
17         public String speak() {
18             return "miaou-miaou";
19         }
20     }
21 };
22
23     for (Animal a : animals)
24         System.out.println(a);
25 }
26 }

```

Important: When we define an anonymous class, local variables visible in the current scope will be accessible (and can be used) inside the body of methods of the anonymous class being created. The only condition is that these local variables are

- declared as **final** (and, of course, initialized), or
- **effectively final**, i.e., they are defined and initialized and then not modified.

1.4 Lambdas

Instead of passing an object of a concrete or anonymous class implementing an interface, one can often provide just a simple expression describing a functionality of a method which is supposed to be implemented (we call such an expression a **lambda**). For this to be possible, the compiler has to know which method it is and from which interface. Therefore, we can use a lambda only when it is clear from the context implementation of which interface is expected. In order for the compiler to know what method is to be overridden, there must be only one abstract method in the interface involved — such interfaces, with only one abstract method, are called **functional interfaces**.

A lambda expression itself is composed of three parts:

- List of parameters, as in declaration of a ‘normal’ function. However, usually the types of parameters need not be specified, because the compiler is able to deduce them from the context. If there is only one parameter and type is omitted, parentheses are optional. If the list of parameters is empty, we just write empty parentheses.
- The “arrow” token: `->`.
- A function body enclosed in curly braces. If the body contains just one expression (i.e., something that has a value), there are no braces, no semicolon at the end and no **return** statement: the value of the expression will be evaluated and returned — return type will be deduced as the type of this value. Braces may be also omitted if the body consists of one statement which does not have any value — return type **void** will then be assumed.

Examples:

```

(int x, int y) -> x + y
(x, y) -> x*y < 0
() -> Math.random()
e -> System.out.println(e)

```

In these examples we assume that the compiler will be able to infer all necessary types and deduce what functional interface is to be implemented.

The example below illustrates both cases: when the body of a lambda is a single expression (no semicolon, no **return**, no braces) and when it is implemented as a compound statement (with braces, **return** and semicolons after statements, as usually). Note that the compiler expects, as the second argument of the **sort** function ‘something that implements the **Comparator** interface’. As what is to be sorted is an array of **Persons**, the compiler knows also that it should be in fact **Comparator<Person>**, so the type of p1 and p2 is deduced to be **Person**:

Listing 28

EMD-InterF/InterF.java

```

1  import java.util.Arrays;
2
3  class Person {
4
5      private String name;
6      private int    year;
7
8      public Person(String name, int year) {
9          this.name = name;
10         this.year = year;
11     }
12
13     public String getName() { return name; }
14     public int  getYear()   { return year; }
15
16     @Override
17     public String toString() {
18         return name + "(" + year + ")";
19     }
20
21     static void show(Person[] persons, String message) {
22         System.out.println(message);
23         for (Person person : persons)
24             System.out.print(person + " ");
25         System.out.println();
26     }
27 }
28
29 public class InterF {
30
31     public static void main(String[] args) {
32         Person[] persons =
33             { new Person("Mary",1990),
34               new Person("Joan",1992),
35               new Person("Suzy",1992),
36               new Person("Beth",1992),
37               new Person("Suzy",1980),
38               new Person("Katy",1982), };
39         Person.show(persons,"At the beginning:");
40     }

```

```

41      // lambda as a single expression -
42      // no return, no semicolon
43      Arrays.sort(persons,
44          (p1, p2) -> p1.getYear()-p2.getYear());
45      Person.show(persons, "Ordered by age");
46
47      // lambda as a compound statement -
48      // return and semicolons, as usually
49      Arrays.sort(persons, (p1, p2) ->
50          {
51              int d = p1.getName().compareTo(p2.getName());
52              if (d != 0) return d;
53              return p1.getYear() - p2.getYear();
54          });
55      Person.show(persons, "Ordered by name then age");
56  }
57  }

```

The program prints

At the beginning:

Mary(1990) Joan(1992) Suzy(1992) Beth(1992) Suzy(1980) Katy(1982)

Ordered by age

Suzy(1980) Katy(1982) Mary(1990) Joan(1992) Suzy(1992) Beth(1992)

Ordered by name then age

Beth(1992) Joan(1992) Katy(1982) Mary(1990) Suzy(1980) Suzy(1992)

The scoping rules for lambdas are somewhat special. We can imagine that the compiler creates an object of an anonymous class implementing an interface and then implements its abstract method based on our lambda expression. However, it is not so — the body of a lambda behaves as a block inside the function it is defined in. This fact has several consequences, among others these

- inside the body of a lambda, one cannot define variables with same name as local variables from the surrounding scope;
- the reference `this` used inside the body of a lambda refers to an object of the surrounding class, *not* to an object of an anonymous class.

1.5 More examples

Let's look at some examples.

Listing 29

ELU-FInter/FInter.java

```

1  @FunctionalInterface
2  interface Calc {
3      boolean test(Double d);
4  }
5
6  @FunctionalInterface

```

```

7 interface Cons {
8     void consume(Object ob);
9 }
10
11 public class FInter {
12     public static void main (String[] args) {
13         double mn = 0, mx = 10; // effectively final
14         Calc[] arr = {
15             d -> d < 0,           // type of d inferred
16             d -> d >= 0,
17             d -> mn <= d && d <= mx
18         };
19
20         Cons cons = ob -> System.out.print(ob + " ");
21
22         for (double d = -2; d < 15; d += 5) {
23             for (Calc calc : arr)
24                 cons.consume(calc.test(d));
25             System.out.println();
26         }
27     }
28 }

```

And another simple example. Here, we define an interface which declares a method **transform** which ‘transforms’ a strings — it takes a string and returns another string. Note that the function **transArray** in class **SimpleInter** takes, as its second argument ‘something that implements **Transformation** interface’. In **main** we call this function passing this ‘something’ in three different ways:

- as an object of a separate class **Reverse** implementing **Transformation**;
- as an object of an anonymous class implementing the same interface;
- as a lambda.

Listing 30

ELK-SimpleInter/SimpleInter.java

```

1 import java.util.Arrays;
2
3 interface Transformation {
4     String transform(String arg);
5 }
6
7 class Reverse implements Transformation {
8     @Override
9     public String transform(String s) {
10         char[] a = s.toCharArray();
11         for (int i = 0, j = s.length()-1; i < j; ++i, --j) {
12             char c = a[i];
13             a[i] = a[j];
14             a[j] = c;

```

```

15     }
16     return new String(a);
17 }
18 }
19
20 public class SimpleInter {
21     private static void transArray(String[] array,
22                                   Transformation t) {
23         for (int i = 0; i < array.length; ++i)
24             array[i] = t.transform(array[i]);
25     }
26
27     public static void main (String[] args) {
28         String[] arr = {"Mary", "Alice", "Janet", "Rachel"};
29         System.out.println(Arrays.toString(arr));
30
31         //object of a class
32         transArray(arr, new Reverse());
33         System.out.println(Arrays.toString(arr));
34
35         // object of an anonymous class
36         transArray(arr,
37                     new Transformation() {
38                         @Override
39                         public String transform(String s) {
40                             return s.toUpperCase();
41                         }
42                     });
43         System.out.println(Arrays.toString(arr));
44
45         // lambda
46         transArray(arr, s -> "" + s.charAt(0));
47         System.out.println(Arrays.toString(arr));
48     }
49 }

```

The program prints

```

[Mary, Alice, Janet, Rachel]
[yraM, ecilA, tenaJ, lehcaR]
[YRAM, ECILA, TENAJ, LEHCAR]
[Y, E, T, L]

```

Another important example of using a lambda has been already shown in one of the previous examples — see Listing 21. The **sort** function called with two arguments expects as the second one ‘something implementing the **Comparator** interface’. This interface *is* a functional interface, because it declares only one abstract method: **compare**. Therefore, as the implementation of this method is usually rather short, it is very convenient to use lambdas instead of creating separate classes whose only purpose is to ‘wrap’ the **compare** method.

In the examples below, we use the called *generic* classes and functions; their full understanding will require the knowledge from chapter 2, p. 33).

The first example:

Listing 31

ELW-LambdaInter/MyBiOp.java

```
1 import java.util.ArrayList;
2 import java.util.List;
3
4 @FunctionalInterface
5 interface MyBiOpInterface<T> {
6     T apply(T a, T b);
7 }
8
9 class Mult implements MyBiOpInterface<Double> {
10     @Override
11     public Double apply(Double a, Double b) { return a*b; }
12 }
13
14 public class MyBiOp {
15     public static void main (String[] args) {
16         List<MyBiOpInterface<Double>>
17             ops = new ArrayList<>();
18
19         // addition - reference to (static) method
20         ops.add( Double::sum );
21
22         // subtraction - anonymous class
23         ops.add( new MyBiOpInterface<Double>() {
24             @Override
25             public Double apply(Double a, Double b) {
26                 return a - b;
27             }
28         });
29
30         // multiplication - object of a named class
31         // implementing the MyBiOpInterface interface
32         ops.add( new Mult() );
33
34         // division - lambda
35         ops.add( (a,b) -> a/b );
36
37         // with closure ('shift' is effectively final)
38         int shift = 10;
39         ops.add( (a,b) -> a/b + shift);
40
41         for (MyBiOpInterface<Double> op : ops)
42             System.out.println(op.apply(10.5,3.5));
43     }
44 }
```

and another one

Listing 32

ELX-FuncInter/FuncInter.java

```
1  @FunctionalInterface
2  interface MyInterface<T> {
3      int len(T t);
4  }
5
6  public class FuncInter {
7      static <T> int calc(T arg, MyInterface<T> f) {
8          return f.len(arg);
9      }
10
11     public static void main (String[] args) {
12         String s = "Alice";
13         int result1 = calc(
14             s,
15             new MyInterface<String>() {
16                 @Override
17                 public int len(String s) {
18                     return s.length();
19                 }
20             });
21         System.out.println("result1 = " + result1);
22
23         Double d = 123.456; // boxing
24         int result2 =
25             calc(d, v -> v.toString().length());
26         System.out.println("result2 = " + result2);
27
28         int result3 =
29             calc(d, v -> (int)(1000*v+4));
30         System.out.println("result3 = " + result3);
31     }
32 }
```

The following example is very similar to that in Listing 38, but now we use lambdas: directly as an argument, or to create a variable which could be used more than once:

Listing 33

EMA-IFacLam/IFacesLam.java

```
1  import java.util.ArrayList;
2  import java.util.Arrays;
3  import java.util.List;
4
5  interface Operat<T> {
6      T oper(T lhs, T rhs);
7  }
8
```

```

9  class Tools {
10     public static <T> T foldl(
11         Operat<T> op, List<T> list, T id) {
12         T acc = id;
13         for (T e : list)
14             acc = op.oper(acc,e);
15         return acc;
16     }
17
18     public static <T> List<T> combine(
19         Operat<T> op, List<T> l1, List<T> l2) {
20         List<T> res = new ArrayList<T>();
21         int size = Math.min(l1.size(), l2.size());
22         for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i)
23             res.add(op.oper(l1.get(i), l2.get(i)));
24         return res;
25     }
26 }
27
28 public class IFacesLam {
29     public static void main (String[] args) {
30         Operat<String> operStr = (lhs, rhs) -> lhs + rhs;
31
32         List<Integer> listInt1 = Arrays.asList(1,2,3,4),
33             listInt2 = Arrays.asList(5,6,7,8);
34         List<Integer> intRes =
35             Tools.combine((lhs, rhs) -> lhs + rhs,
36                 listInt1, listInt2);
37         System.out.println("intRes = " + intRes);
38
39         List<String> listStr1 = Arrays.asList("a","b","c"),
40             listStr2 = Arrays.asList("1","2","3");
41         List<String> strRes =
42             Tools.combine(operStr, listStr1, listStr2);
43         System.out.println("strRes = " + strRes);
44
45         int intFold = Tools.foldl(
46             (lhs, rhs) -> lhs + rhs, intRes, 0);
47         System.out.println("intFold = " + intFold);
48
49         String strFold = Tools.foldl(operStr, strRes, "");
50         System.out.println("strFold = " + strFold);
51     }
52 }

```

The last example illustrates an interface with one *defined* default method; note, that we have to inform the compiler that **S** is an additional type parameter (**T** and **R** have already been declared as such.) The interface represents an operation (mapping), called here **apply**, from values of one type to values of another type (**T**→**R**). However,

the interface *defines* also a method (**compos**). This is a method, so it is called on an object representing one operation (say, $f : \mathbf{T} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$), takes a value **arg** of type **T** as an argument and an object representing another operation (say, $g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{S}$). It then returns the result of the composition $(g \circ f)(\text{arg})$. The following program

Listing 34

EMB-Compos/Composit.java

```

1  @FunctionalInterface
2  interface Func<T,R> {
3      R apply(T e);
4      default <S> S compos(T arg, Func<R,S> g) {
5          return g.apply(apply(arg));
6      }
7  }
8
9  public class Composit {
10     public static void main(String[] args) {
11         Func<String,Integer> f = s -> s.length();
12         System.out.println("g(f(\"abc\")) = " +
13             f.compos("abc", v -> v*Math.PI));
14     }
15 }

```

prints

$g(f(\text{"abc"})) = 9.42477796076938$

as the length of "abc" is 3 and $3\pi \approx 9.42477796076938$. Note that the *g* operation was given as a lambda but still the compiler was able to deduce that the type **S** of the result should be **Double**.

Introduction to generic classes

This section covers a few basic concepts related to generics, or parametrized classes, in Java. The subject is not easy; generics were added to Java rather late and their implementation is quite complicated, as it had to be consistent with earlier versions of the language. Let us also mention here that parametrized classes are somewhat related to class templates in C++ and Ada, but this similarity is rather misleading and superficial; it definitely should not be taken too literally.

2.1 Type parameters

Parametrized class uses as names of types arbitrary identifiers (type parameters) which are then concretized, when we use objects of the generic type. Then we have to tell the compiler what concrete class this identifier should denote. We introduce type parameters of a class like this:

```
class Pair<F,S> {
    // here we use F and S as names of types
}
```

Here **F** and **S** stand for names of some, as yet unknown, types. In the definition of the class we can use names **F** and **S** as names of classes (but *not* primitive types!). Of course, there are no classes **F** or **S**, so when creating an object of our class, we have to specify (in angle brackets) what these names should stand for:

```
Pair<Integer,String> p =
    new Pair<Integer,String>(2,"Sue");
    // or just (using diamond operator)
Pair<Integer,String> q = new Pair<>(1,"Lea");
```

In the second case, we used “type inferring” (diamond operator); we don’t need to repeat types on the right-hand side, because the compiler already knows them looking at the left-hand side (but angle brackets, although empty, are still required).

However, in the code produced by the compiler, type parameter will *not* be present: at run time types denoted by, say, **T** will be just **Object**. Information about the type of **T** is only used at compile time.

Let us consider, as an example, the following program:

Listing 35

GMA-GenerPair/Pair.java

```
1 import java.lang.reflect.Method;
2
3 public class Pair<F, S> {
4     private static int count = 0;
5     private F first;
6     private S second;
7     public Pair(F f, S s) {
8         count++;
9         first = f;
10        second = s;
```

```

11     }
12     public F getFirst() {return first; }
13     public S getSecond() {return second;}
14     public void setFirst(F f) {first = f;}
15     public void setSecond(S s) {second = s;}
16     public String toString() {return first + " " + second;}
17
18     public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
19         Pair<String, Integer> p1 = new Pair<>("A",1);
20         Pair<String, String> p2 = new Pair<>("C", "D");
21
22         // what are the dynamic types of p1 and p2 ?
23         System.out.println("Class of p1: " + p1.getClass() +
24             "; Class of p2: " + p2.getClass());
25
26         // method signatures
27         for (Method m : p1.getClass().getDeclaredMethods())
28             if (!m.getName().equals("main"))
29                 System.out.println(m); // type erasure
30
31         // only one static member 'count'
32         System.out.println(p1.count + " " + p2.count);
33
34         // casting not needed, autoboxing int -> Integer
35         p1.setSecond(2);
36
37         // automatic unboxing Integer -> int
38         int i = p1.getSecond();
39
40         // no casting, must be a String
41         String s = p2.getFirst();
42
43         System.out.println("p1.second = " + i);
44         System.out.println("p2.first = " + s);
45     }
46 }

```

As we can see, the compiler remembers types used when creating objects, so casting is not needed; calling **getFirst** on p2 must give us a **String** and invoking **setSecond** on p1 we pass an **int** and the compiler knows that it has to be converted to **Integer**. However, the dynamic type, or, strictly speaking, the so called “raw” type of both p1 and p2 is just **Pair**. We can see it from the output:

```

Class of p1: class Pair; Class of p2: class Pair
public java.lang.Object Pair.getSecond()
public void Pair.setFirst(java.lang.Object)
public void Pair.setSecond(java.lang.Object)
public java.lang.String Pair.toString()
public java.lang.Object Pair.getFirst()
2 2

```

```
p1.second = 2
p2.first  = C
```

Therefore, at runtime, there exist only one type, namely just **Pair** of **Objects**. Notice that at runtime arguments of setters (**setFirst** and **setSecond**) and return type of getters (**getFirst** and **getSecond**) are just **Object**: this is known as **type erasure**. Only at compile time the compiler knows the required (declared) types of the two elements of a pair and will not allow us to insert (for example using **setFirst**) an object of a wrong type as this pair's first or second component. Also notice that there exist only one static member **count** because dynamic types of both **p1** and **p2** are the same — just **Pair**.

Parametrized type can be, and are, useful, because they

- allow us to avoid explicit conversions, because the compiler knows expected types of arguments and return values of methods;
- make the code shorter and simpler to read and understand;
- allow the compiler to detect many errors related to type mismatch, which would otherwise manifest themselves at runtime, triggering, for example, **ClassTypeExceptions**.

On the other hand, mainly because of the type erasure that we have just mentioned, there are some quite severe restrictions when defining and using parametrized types. If **T** is a type parameter

- We cannot create objects of type **T**;
- We cannot create arrays of (references to) objects of type **T** (but it *is* possible to create collections parametrized by **T**);
- We cannot use **instanceof** operator with **T**;
- Type **T** cannot be used for static fields (as parametrized class corresponds to one raw type);

Let us look at another example of a parametrized class: a class representing a queue. Making our class generic (parametrized) allows us to create queues of elements of various types preserving strict type checking:

Listing 36

GME-QueueGener/MyQueue.java

```
1 public class MyQueue<E> {
2
3     private class Node {
4         E    data;
5         Node next = null;
6         Node(E d) { data = d; }
7     }
8     private Node head, tail;
9
10    public MyQueue() {
11        head = tail = null;
12    }
13    public void enqueue(E d) {
14        if (head == null)
15            head = tail = new Node(d);
```

```

16         else
17             tail = tail.next = new Node(d);
18     }
19     public E dequeue() {
20         E d = head.data;
21         if ((head = head.next) == null) tail = null;
22         return d;
23     }
24     public boolean empty() {
25         return head == null;
26     }
27 }

```

In **main** we create queues of **Strings** and **Doubles** and use them in a uniform way:

Listing 37

GME-QueueGener/QueueGener.java

```

1 public class QueueGener {
2     public static void main (String[] args) {
3         MyQueue<String> queueS = new MyQueue<>();
4         MyQueue<Double> queueD = new MyQueue<>();
5         for (double d = 0.5; d < 5; d += 1) {
6             queueS.enqueue(String.valueOf(d));
7             queueD.enqueue(d); // boxing
8         }
9         while (!queueS.empty() && !queueD.empty()) {
10             // no casting required
11             String s = queueS.dequeue();
12             double d = queueD.dequeue();
13             System.out.println(
14                 "String: " + s + " " +
15                 "Double: " + d);
16         }
17     }
18 }

```

In the program, class **MyQueue** implements a queue of objects of any type. This does not mean that we can enqueue any object to any queue: when creating a queue, we decide what the type of enqueued objects should be. For example, the queue **queueS** is declared as queue of **Strings**. Therefore, the compiler will not allow us to enqueue anything other than **String** (and in the case of **queueD** — **Doubles**). Also notice that when enqueueing and dequeueing elements, we don't have to use casting: the compiler knows what type is expected and will even automatically perform boxing/unboxing of primitive types for us.

Let us consider another example. We define a generic interface **Operat** which declares one function representing an operator, i.e. a function taking two arguments of the same type and returning a result of the same type. Object implementing this interface will then be used by static functions defined in class **Tools**. Note, how we define generic *static functions* — here we inform the compiler that **T** is not a class but

a type parameter for every static function defined in the class separately; one of these functions performs the so called *left-folding* and the other combines two sequences into one. We don't create any concrete classes implementing **Operat**; instead, in **main**, we just pass objects of anonymous classes implementing it:

Listing 38

ELZ-IFac/IFaces.java

```

1  import java.util.ArrayList;
2  import java.util.Arrays;
3  import java.util.List;
4
5  interface Operat<T> {
6      T oper(T lhs, T rhs);
7  }
8
9  class Tools {
10     public static <T> T foldl(
11         Operat<T> op, List<T> list, T id) {
12         T acc = id;
13         for (T e : list)
14             acc = op.oper(acc,e);
15         return acc;
16     }
17
18     public static <T> List<T> combine(
19         Operat<T> op, List<T> l1, List<T> l2) {
20         List<T> res = new ArrayList<T>();
21         int size = Math.min(l1.size(), l2.size());
22         for (int i = 0; i < size; ++i)
23             res.add(op.oper(l1.get(i), l2.get(i)));
24         return res;
25     }
26 }
27
28 public class IFaces {
29     public static void main (String[] args) {
30         Operat<Integer> operInt = new Operat<Integer>() {
31             @Override
32             public Integer oper(Integer lhs, Integer rhs) {
33                 return lhs + rhs;
34             }
35         };
36         Operat<String> operStr = new Operat<String>() {
37             @Override
38             public String oper(String lhs, String rhs) {
39                 return lhs + rhs;
40             }
41         };
42
43         List<Integer> listInt1 = Arrays.asList(1,2,3,4),

```

```

44         listInt2 = Arrays.asList(5,6,7,8);
45     List<Integer> intRes =
46         Tools.combine(operInt, listInt1, listInt2);
47     System.out.println("intRes = " + intRes);
48
49     List<String> listStr1 = Arrays.asList("a","b","c"),
50         listStr2 = Arrays.asList("1","2","3");
51     List<String> strRes =
52         Tools.combine(operStr, listStr1, listStr2);
53     System.out.println("strRes = " + strRes);
54
55     int intFold = Tools.foldl(operInt, intRes, 0);
56     System.out.println("intFold = " + intFold);
57
58     String strFold = Tools.foldl(operStr, strRes, "");
59     System.out.println("strFold = " + strFold);
60 }
61 }

```

The program prints

```

intRes = [6, 8, 10, 12]
strRes = [a1, b2, c3]
intFold = 36
strFold = a1b2c3

```

2.2 Bounded types

Specifying a type parameter, say **T**, we can limit possible types that it can represent to types meeting some requirements. This allows us, for example, to use, on objects of **T**, methods not necessarily only from class **Object** but more specific methods from other classes that has been specified as type bounds. Such restrictions define sets of classes that can be substituted for **T**: then we can use methods which the classes from these sets contain. The syntax looks like this:

T extends **Type1** & **Type2** & **Type3** & ... & **TypeN**

where:

- **T** is the type parameter;
- **Type1** is the name of a class or an interface;
- **Type2** ... **TypeN** are names of interfaces.

As we can see, if among restrictions there is a (concrete or abstract) class, it must be specified as the first in the list, all others bounds must be interfaces. Types **Type1** ... **TypeN** may be themselves parametrized (generic) classes or interfaces.

Objects of types restricted in this way can be used as objects of type **Type1**: compilation will fail if we try to substitute for **T** something that does not extend or implement **Type1** or does not implement **Type2** ... **TypeN**. Therefore, it will be safe to call methods of all these restricting classes or interfaces.

In the example below, class **GenArr** is parametrized by type **T**, but not arbitrary but only by classes implementing **Comparable** — therefore, we can use the method **compareTo** on objects from the array (in order to find the minimum and maximum elements of the array):

Listing 39

GMH-MinMaxGener/MinMaxGener.java

```

1  class GenArr<T extends Comparable<T>> {
2      private T[] arr;
3      private T    min, max;
4
5      public GenArr(T[] arr) {
6          if (arr == null || arr.length == 0)
7              throw new IllegalArgumentException();
8          min = arr[0];
9          max = arr[0];
10         for (int i = 1; i < arr.length; ++i) {
11             // we can use compareTo, as we know
12             // that T extends Comparable
13             // (and the compiler has checked it)
14             if (arr[i].compareTo(min) < 0) min = arr[i];
15             if (arr[i].compareTo(max) > 0) max = arr[i];
16         }
17     }
18     public T getMin() { return min; }
19     public T getMax() { return max; }
20 }
21
22 public class MinMaxGener {
23     public static void main(String[] args) {
24         GenArr<Integer> mnmxI =
25             new GenArr<>(new Integer[]{3, -2, -7, 2});
26         GenArr<String> mnmxS =
27             new GenArr<>(new String[]{"A", "Z", "C"});
28
29         System.out.println("I - min = " + mnmxI.getMin() +
30                             "\nI - max = " + mnmxI.getMax());
31         System.out.println("S - min = " + mnmxS.getMin() +
32                             "\nS - max = " + mnmxS.getMax());
33     }
34 }

```

It is also possible to parametrize just a method (also static), not the whole class. We then specify the name of the type parameter (in angle brackets) just before the return type of the method in question:

```
access_specifier [static] <T> return_type name(parameter_list)
```

For example, in the following program, the class **MinMaxMeth** is *not* generic, however the method **getMax** is: it may take an array of elements of any type, as long as this type implements **Comparable**:

```
1 class MinMaxMeth {
2     static <T extends Comparable<T>> T getMax(T[] arr) {
3         if (arr == null || arr.length == 0)
4             throw new IllegalArgumentException();
5         T max = arr[0];
6         for (int i = 1; i < arr.length; ++i)
7             if (arr[i].compareTo(max) > 0) max = arr[i];
8         return max;
9     }
10
11     public static void main(String[] args) {
12         int mxi = getMax(new Integer[]{3, -2, -7, 2});
13         // one may enforce type to be substituted for T;
14         // usually, as here, not needed, as the correct
15         // type will be inferred by the compiler anyway
16         String mxs = MinMaxMeth.<String>getMax(
17             new String[]{"A", "Z", "C"});
18
19         System.out.println("I - max = " + mxi);
20         System.out.println("S - max = " + mxs);
21     }
22 }
```

Enum types

Enum types roughly correspond to enumerations in C++, but are implemented in a different way: they are all *objects*, in contrast to C++ where they are always backed by an integer type. They are very useful in situations when we need a type with only very limited number of possible values.

3.1 Basic definitions

Defining an enum we define a new type (just like defining a class). However, this type is somewhat special: limited number of *unmodifiable* enum constants (which are implemented as immutable objects) of this type is created when an enum class is loaded by the JVM and then it is impossible to create any more such objects. Therefore, we can say, that this type defines just a — usually small — set of constants. In fact, we know another example of type with only a few possible values: type **boolean** has only two — **true** and **false**. However, **boolean** is a primitive type, while enum constants are full-fledged objects.

Each of these constants has a fixed name, as is the case for **booleans**, and can be in fact a singleton of a *different* class.

Enums can be useful for defining types that by their very nature have only a small number of possible values: there are only two sexes, four seasons, seven Wonders of the World, four card suits and four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Without enums, we could just assign numbers to them; for example, in a class or an interface we could write

```
final static int CLUBS    = 0,
                DIAMONDS  = 1,
                HEARTS    = 2,
                SPADES     = 3;
```

but this poses a lot of problems

- if a function takes a card suit as its parameter, it has to declare it as an **int**. But then nothing can prevent us from passing, for example, 129 as the argument, which wouldn't make any sense;
- of course, all functions operating on card suits could check if the value passed to them is in the range [0, 3], but then it would be hard to add a new suit (joker...) — we would have to correct the checking and interpretation in many places;
- in many situations we would have to remember the interpretation of the numbers; for example, printing just numbers as they are wouldn't be very informative — we would have to “convert” them manually into **Strings** or do something equivalent.

Let us look at an example:

Listing 41

CYG-Enum1/EnumEx1.java

```
1 public class EnumEx1 {
2
3     public enum Season {SPRING, SUMMER, FALL, WINTER};
```

```

4
5 public static void main (String[] args) {
6     Season[] seasons = Season.values();           //+1
7     for (Season s : seasons)
8         System.out.print(s + " ");               //+2
9     System.out.println();
10
11    System.out.println(Season.WINTER + " is the " +
12        (Season.WINTER.ordinal()+1) + "th season");//+3
13    Season f = Season.valueOf("FALL");             //+4
14    System.out.println("FALL is " + f + "...");
15    System.out.println("Is f equal to FALL? " +
16        (f == Season.FALL));                      //+5
17    for (Season s : seasons)
18        System.out.print(german(s) + " ");
19    System.out.println();
20 }
21
22 private static String german(Season s) {
23     return switch (s) {                           //+6
24         case SPRING -> "Fr\u00fchling";
25         case SUMMER -> "Sommer";
26         case FALL   -> "Herbst";
27         case WINTER -> "Winter";
28     };
29 }
30 }

```

The program prints

```

SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER
WINTER is the 4th season
FALL is FALL...
Is f equal to FALL? true
Fr\u00fchling Sommer Herbst Winter

```

We define an enum type **Season**. The definition is inside a class here, but this is not important; equally well we could have defined the enum (with **public** or default accessibility) in a separate file. This enum has exactly four values corresponding to four, and only four, objects: **SPRING**, **SUMMER**, **FALL**, **WINTER**. What can we do with type **Season** and its constants?

- static function **values()** returns an array of all (four in our case) constants of the enum (line `//+1`);
- method **toString()** is automatically overridden and returns the name of the enum constant (it is used in line `//+2`);
- we can call **ordinal()** on enum constants (remember that these are objects) and get their ‘index’ — starting from 0 and in the order as they were defined (`//+3`);
- static function **valueOf(String name)** returns enum constant named **name**; if there were no constant with this name, exception would have been thrown (`//+4`).

If we have two references to the same enum constant, they are exactly equal, i.e., they point to the same object, because each enum constant is represented by exactly one object. Therefore, to compare enum constant we don't need (although we can) to use method **equals**: just '==' or '!=' are safe and sufficient (//+5).

- as integer types and **Strings**, enum constants may be used in **switch** statements (//+6). In **case** clauses we don't have to use full names (like **Season.SPRING**), because the type of the selector (**s** in our case) is known to the compiler.

After compiling the above program

```
java> ls -l EnumExample1*
EnumExample1.java
java> javac EnumExample1.java
java> ls -l EnumExample1*.class
EnumExample1$1.class
EnumExample1.class
EnumExample1$Season.class
```

we can see that the compiler created *one* class for the **Season** type (which in our case was embedded in the main class, but this is not important here — anyway, a separate class has been created). The program prints

```
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER
WINTER is the 4th season
FALL is FALL...
Is f equal to FALL? true
Frühling Sommer Herbst Winter
```

The third line convinces us that indeed two references to **FALL** are exactly equal, that is they refer to the same object (and therefore can be compared by '==').

Enumerations are also comparable. If **e1** and **e2** are two enumerators of the same enumeration, then they can be compared in the usual way

```
e1.compareTo(e2)
```

The order is determined by the order in which enumerators are declared in the definition of enumeration.

In the following example there are two enumerations describing suits

Listing 42 CYE-SimpEnum/Suit.java

```
1 public enum Suit {CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES};
```

and ranks

Listing 43 CYE-SimpEnum/Rank.java

```
1 public enum Rank {TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN,
2                   EIGHT, NINE, TEN, JACK, QUEEN, KING, ACE};
```

of playing cards. The class **Card** has two fields, both are enumerators (rank and suit); it also defines one static function:

```

1 public class Card {
2     private Rank rank;
3     private Suit suit;
4
5     public Card(Rank rank, Suit suit) {
6         this.rank = rank;
7         this.suit = suit;
8     }
9
10    public Rank getRank() { return rank; }
11    public Suit getSuit() { return suit; }
12
13    public static Card getHigher(Card c1, Card c2) {
14        if (c1.rank.ordinal() > c2.rank.ordinal())
15            return c1;
16        else if (c1.rank.ordinal() < c2.rank.ordinal())
17            return c2;
18        else if (c1.suit.ordinal() > c2.suit.ordinal())
19            return c1;
20        else
21            return c2;
22    }
23
24    @Override
25    public String toString() {
26        return rank + " of " + suit;
27    }
28 }

```

In **Main** we read data and use our classes

```

1 import java.util.Scanner;
2
3 public class Main {
4     public static void main(String[] args) {
5         System.out.print("Suits:");
6         for (Suit s : Suit.values())
7             System.out.print(" " + s );
8         System.out.print("\nRanks:");
9         for (Rank r : Rank.values())
10            System.out.print(" " + r);
11        System.out.println();
12
13        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
14        System.out.print("1. rank -> ");
15        String r1 = scan.next().toUpperCase();

```



```

16     System.out.print("1. suit -> ");
17     String s1 = scan.next().toUpperCase();
18     System.out.print("2. rank -> ");
19     String r2 = scan.next().toUpperCase();
20     System.out.print("2. suit -> ");
21     String s2 = scan.next().toUpperCase();
22
23     Rank rank1 = Rank.valueOf(r1);
24     Suit suit1 = Suit.valueOf(s1);
25     Rank rank2 = Rank.valueOf(r2);
26     Suit suit2 = Suit.valueOf(s2);
27
28     Card card1 = new Card(rank1,suit1);
29     Card card2 = new Card(rank2,suit2);
30
31     Card higher = Card.getHigher(card1,card2);
32     System.out.println("Card1 = " + card1 +
33                        ", Card2 = " + card2 +
34                        "\nHigher card: " + higher);
35 }
36 }

```

3.2 Fields, constructors and methods in enumerations

In the previous example, enum constants differ only in their names, so objects representing them were of the same type. However, one can define methods for them, and these methods can have different implementation for each constant separately. First, let us look at the following example:

Listing 46

CYH-EnumMet/EnumEx2.java

```

1 public class EnumEx2 {
2
3     enum Season {
4         SPRING {                                //+1
5             @Override
6             public String toString() {return "Printemps";}
7         },
8         SUMMER {
9             @Override
10            public String toString() {
11                return "\u00c9t\u00e9";
12            }
13        },
14        FALL {
15            @Override
16            public String toString() {return "Automne";}
17        },

```

```

18     WINTER {
19         @Override
20         public String toString() {return "Hiver";}
21     }
22 };
23
24 public static void main (String[] args) {
25     Season[] seasons = Season.values();
26     for (Season s : seasons)
27         System.out.print(s + " ");           //+2
28     System.out.println();
29     for (Season s : seasons)
30         System.out.print(s.name() + " ");    //+3
31     System.out.println();
32 }
33 }

```

Here, *for each constant separately*, in braces just after their names (`//+1`), we override **toString** method from class **Object**. When we compile this program:

```

java> ls -l EnumExample2*
EnumExample2.java
java> javac EnumExample2.java
java> ls -l EnumExample2*.class
EnumExample2$1.class
EnumExample2.class
EnumExample2$Season$1.class
EnumExample2$Season$2.class
EnumExample2$Season$3.class
EnumExample2$Season$4.class
EnumExample2$Season.class

```

we can see that the compiler created distinct classes for each constant. This is quite obvious: they cannot be objects of the same class, as it would be impossible to have in one class several implementations of the same method **toString**! Now, when we print `s` (in line `//+2`), the overridden version of **toString** will be used. Still, however, the original ‘true’ name of enum constant may be retrieved by method **name()** (`//+3`), as we can see from the output

```

Printemps Été Automne Hiver
SPRING SUMMER FALL WINTER

```

Methods that we can define for enum constants are not limited to those inherited. We can define our own methods; moreover, we can add data fields and a constructor (but only one) as well!

In the program below we add two data fields: `desc` and `numOfMonths` (line `//+3`). We also define a standard constructor. Fields and constructors in enumerations are by definition **private**, so we don’t even need to declare them as such. Our constructor takes two arguments, so we supply them when defining the enum constants (line `//+1`):

```

1 public class EnumEx3 {
2     enum Season {
3         SPRING("nice",2) {                                //+1
4             @Override                                    //+2
5             public String getDesc() {
6                 return name() + ": " + desc;
7             }
8         },
9         SUMMER("hot",3) {
10            @Override
11            public String getDesc() {
12                return desc + " in " + name();
13            }
14        },
15        FALL("so, so",4) {
16            @Override
17            public String getDesc() {
18                return name() + "? Well, " + desc;
19            }
20        },
21        WINTER("cold",3) {
22            @Override
23            public String getDesc() {
24                return name() + "! very " + desc;
25            }
26        }; // <-- semicolon after the last value!
27
28        // fields and constructors are private anyway
29        String desc;                                       //+3
30        int numOfMonth;
31        Season(String d, int i) {                          //+4
32            desc = d;
33            numOfMonth = i;
34        }
35
36        public int getNumb() { return numOfMonth; } //+5
37        public abstract String getDesc();                //+6
38    };
39
40    public static void main (String[] args) {
41        for (Season s : Season.values())
42            System.out.println(s.getNumb() +
43                               " months - " + s.getDesc());
44    }
45 }

```

There are also two methods. One of them, **getNumb** has the same common implementation for all objects (line //+5). However, the second one, **getDesc**, is in line //+6

only *declared* (as abstract) and implemented differently for each constant (line `//+2`). The program prints

```
2 months - SPRING: nice
3 months - hot in SUMMER
4 months - FALL? Well, so, so
3 months - WINTER! very cold
```

Objects representing enum constants are created once only, when the enum is loaded by the JVM, even before initialization of static members of the class, if there are any.

3.3 Enumarations implementing an interface

Enumerator can also implement interfaces. Let us look at an example:

Listing 48 CYK-EnumInterf/CompEnum.java

```
1 import java.util.Arrays;
2 import java.util.Comparator;
3
4 public class CompEnum {
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         String[] arr = {"Alice", "Sue", "Janet", "Bea"};
7
8         Arrays.sort(arr, StrCmp.ByLenAsc);
9         System.out.println(Arrays.toString(arr));
10
11        Arrays.sort(arr, StrCmp.ByLenDesc);
12        System.out.println(Arrays.toString(arr));
13
14        Arrays.sort(arr, StrCmp.ByLexAsc);
15        System.out.println(Arrays.toString(arr));
16
17        Arrays.sort(arr, StrCmp.ByLexDesc);
18        System.out.println(Arrays.toString(arr));
19    }
20 }
21
22 enum StrCmp implements Comparator<String> {
23     ByLenAsc( (s1, s2) -> s1.length() - s2.length()),
24     ByLenDesc((s1, s2) -> s2.length() - s1.length()),
25     ByLexAsc( (s1, s2) -> s1.compareTo(s2)),
26     ByLexDesc((s1, s2) -> s2.compareTo(s1)); // <- semicolon!
27     Comparator<String> cmp; // field
28     StrCmp(Comparator<String> c) { // constructor
29         cmp = c;
30     }
31     @Override
32     public int compare(String s1, String s2) {
33         return cmp.compare(s1, s2);
34     }
35 }
```

The enumeration **StrCmp** implements the **Comparator** interface. It has a field **cmp** of type **Comparator** which will be different for all enumeration constants: it is set in the constructor. When calling the constructor, we have to pass something which *is* a comparator — here, we use different lambdas. Objects of this enumeration can then be used wherever a comparator (of **Strings**) is expected, as we can see from the output of the program:

```
[Sue, Bea, Alice, Janet]
[Alice, Janet, Sue, Bea]
[Alice, Bea, Janet, Sue]
[Sue, Janet, Bea, Alice]
```

Introduction to collections

Collections represent... well, collections, i.e., aggregates of pieces of data of a given type organized in some form. Objects representing collections in Java have to implement the interface **Collection** (there is a different kind of collections, map, which implement different interface: **Map**). All collections are **iterable** (they implement also the **Iterable** interface) — the importance of this will soon become clear.

We already know interfaces. Generally speaking it's something like a class, but with declarations of (abstract) methods — without implementation (although, as we know, it can contain some *default* methods *with* implementation). Other classes may *implement* this interface by providing *definitions* of all the abstract methods. Any class may inherit from (extend) only one class, but can implement many interfaces.

Important:

1. Collections (and maps) are always collections of *references* (pointers) — *never* objects themselves!
2. Collections fall into two general categories: **Collections** and **Maps**.
3. Classes representing collections are generic — they are parametrized by the type of the elements they hold.
4. Their properties and functionality (API) is specified by a hierarchy of interfaces that they implement (i.e., they implement methods declared in these interfaces).

Very often we want a collection of data of a primitive type, like **int** or **double**. We cannot insert such data into any collection, because these are not references. However, for each such type, there is a class, objects of which serve as wrappers of such data: **Integer** for **ints**, **Double** for **doubles**, etc. Normally, we don't even have to create object of these wrapper classes ourselves — this will be done automatically: if a collection is declared as a collection of **Integers**, we can insert just **ints** and they will be automatically wrapped into objects of type **Integer** and put into this collection. Such automatic conversion of values of primitive types to objects is called **boxing**; the reverse operation is called **unboxing**.

When creating objects representing a collection, we should always specify the type of its elements; for maps there are two types to be specified: type of keys and of values; we do it using angle brackets, as we will see in the examples below.

4.1 Collections

The **Collection** interface contains the following methods, which therefore must be implemented in all concrete classes representing collections:

- **add** — adds an element;
- **addAll** — adds all elements of another collection;
- **clear** — removes all elements;
- **contains** — checks if an object belongs to this collection;
- **containsAll** — checks if all elements of another collection belong to this collection;
- **equals** — compares this collection with another one;
- **hashCode** — return hash code of the collection (overriding the method inherited from **Object**);

- **empty** — returns **true** if this collection is empty;
- **iterator** — returns an iterator associated with this collection (this is an implementation of the interface **Iterable**);
- **parallelStream** — returns parallel stream with this collection as its source (defaulted);
- **remove** — removes an element from this collection;
- **removeAll** — removes all elements from another collection from this collection;
- **removeIf** — removes all elements satisfying a given predicate (defaulted);
- **retainAll** — retains in this collection only elements from another collection;
- **size** — returns the number of elements in this collection;
- **splitIterator** — returns a split iterator associated with this collection (defaulted);
- **stream** — returns the stream with this collection as its source;
- **toArray** — returns an array containing all elements of this collection;

Some collections do not permit certain operations — then their implementations just throw an exception; we say that these operations (represented by methods) are then *optional*.

There are some subinterfaces of **Collection** that are more specific for various kinds of collections. The most important are

- **List**: lists represent collections of elements that are ordered (like elements of an array) — it makes sense to talk about element number 0, number 1, etc. Therefore, there are some methods which are not applicable to all collections but specific to lists: e.g., **get(i)** which returns element with the index specified, **indexOf(val)** which returns the index of an element with a given value, **add(i, val)** which adds new element at the position specified, etc. For all lists, adding a new element at the end is very efficient; at other locations — not necessarily so. A list may contain equal values at different positions. There are two main implementations of lists (concrete classes, *not* interfaces):
 - **ArrayList** — implementation is based on arrays. Adding elements *not* at the end may be very inefficient but access to all elements (by index) is almost immediate.
 - **LinkedList** — implementation is based on doubly-linked lists. Adding and removing may be fast, but access is slower.
- **Set**: sets represent collections of *unique* elements (no two elements are equal). There are two main implementations of sets:
 - **TreeSet** — implementation is based on red-black tree; the elements have a well defined order (therefore they have to be *comparable*), access to elements is fast (logarithmic).
 - **HashSet** — implementation is based on hashing technique — access to elements is even faster (constant time) but the order is unspecified.

4.2 Maps

Maps represent sets of *pairs* of objects: the first element of a pair is a **key** and the second is a **value** associated with this key (as elements of an array are associated with their indices, which therefore may be viewed as playing the rôle of keys). Types of keys and values may be, and usually are, different. As keys are used as “indices”, there may be no two equal keys in any map — they have to be unique (but the same value

may be associated with two different keys). All maps have to implement methods from **Map** interface; among others, these are:

- **put(key, val)** — adds a (key,value) pair to this map;
- **putIfAbsent(key, val)** — adds a pair to this map if the specified key is *not* already present (returning **null**); otherwise it does nothing and returns the value already associated with the key;
- **get(key)** — returns the value associated with a given key, or **null** if the map doesn't contain this key;
- **getOrDefault(key, defaultVal)** — returns the value associated with a given key, or defaultVal if the map doesn't contain this key;
- **clear** — removes all elements;
- **containsKey** — checks if there is a pair (the so called **entry**) in this map with a given key;
- **containsValue** — checks if there is a pair in this map with a given value (this is usually rather inefficient);
- **size** — returns the number of elements (entries) in this map;
- **isEmpty** — checks if the map is empty;
- **remove(key)** — removes the entry with a given key;
- **keySet** — returning a set of all keys;
- **values** — returning a collection of all values;
- **entrySet** — returning set of entries, each of which has a key and a value accessible by methods **getKey** and **getValue**;
- etc.

There are two main implementations of maps:

- **TreeMap** — implementation is based on red-black tree of *keys*; the elements must have a well defined order. Therefore, *keys* have to be **Comparable**, or you have to pass a **Comparator** to the constructor. Access to elements is fast (logarithmic).
- **HashMap** — implementation is based on hashing technique — access to elements is even faster (constant time) but the order is unspecified.

4.3 Iterators

Iterators are objects representing a “view” of the elements of a collection and can yield on demand these elements, remembering which have already been yielded and knowing if there is anything that has not been returned yet. Iterators are also “generic”, so we should always specify the type of elements which they will return. The **Iterator** interface declares methods (here **T** is the type of elements)

```
boolean hasNext()  
T next()
```

The first returns the next element from those that have not been returned yet. The second tells us if there is still an element that has not been returned by **next** (calling **next** when **hasNext** returns **false** triggers the exception **NoSuchElementException**). There is the third operation which can be invoked on an iterators, **remove**: it removes the last element of the underlying collection that has just been returned by **next**. However, we don't have to implement it, because this operation is optional and it already *has* a default implementation (which just throws an exception.) There is also a default (already implemented) method **forEachRemaining**.

The collection of elements which backs an iterator can be anything that implements **Iterable** interface. All “real” collections — classes from the standard library that implement **Collection** — *do* implement **Iterable**. **Iterable** declares just one abstract method:

```
Iterator<T> iterator()
```

(where **T** is the type of elements) which returns an iterator associated with a given collection implementing **Iterable**. In fact, this need not to be a “real” collection, it should only behave as one from the point of view of the iterator returned.

Let us consider an example — here object of type **IterableRange** plays the rôle of a collection, although there is no array or any other “true” collection involved: however, it implements **Iterable** and the iterator returned by its **iterator** method meets all the requirements of an iterator:

Listing 49

JIX-RangIter/RangIter.java

```

1  import java.util.Iterator;
2  import java.util.NoSuchElementException;
3
4  // main class for testing
5  public class RangIter {
6      public static void main (String[] args) {
7          Iterable<Integer> iterab1 = new IterableRange(3,7);
8          Iterator<Integer> iter = iterab1.iterator();
9          while (iter.hasNext())
10             System.out.print(iter.next() + " ");
11
12             System.out.println("\nand now foreach:");
13             for (Integer i : new IterableRange(3,7))
14                 System.out.print(i + " ");
15             System.out.println();
16         }
17     }
18
19     // objects of this class are 'iterable', i.e., they
20     // behave (at least to some extend) as collections
21     class IterableRange implements Iterable<Integer> {
22         private int a, b;
23         IterableRange(int a, int b) {
24             this.a = a;
25             this.b = b;
26         }
27         public Iterator<Integer> iterator() {
28             return new RangeIterator(a,b);
29         }
30     }
31
32     // object of this class bahave like iterators
33     // traversing the IterableRange 'collections'
34     class RangeIterator implements Iterator<Integer> {
35         private int a, b;

```

```

36     private int curr;
37     RangeIterator(int a, int b) {
38         this.a = a;
39         this.b = b;
40         curr = a;
41     }
42     @Override
43     public boolean hasNext() {
44         return curr <= b;
45     }
46     @Override
47     public Integer next() {
48         if (!hasNext()) throw new NoSuchElementException();
49         return curr++;
50     }
51     // since Java 1.8 remove has a default implementation
52 }

```

All classes are here defined in one file for simplicity, it is generally not a recommended practice. Note that the class **RangeIterator** could have been defined inside **IterableRange** (see sec. 1.3). Note also the *for-each* (called also *ranged for*) loop used here in the **main** function:

```

for (Integer i : new IterableRange(3, 7))
    System.out.print(i + " ");

```

This form of loops works not only with standard collections, but in fact with anything that implements **Iterable**. Basically, the form

```

for (Type elem : iterable_object)
    do_something_with_elem

```

is by the compiler automatically translated into something like this

```

{
    Iterator<Type> it = iterable_object.iterator();
    while (it.hasNext()) {
        Type elem = it.next();
        do_something_with_elem
    }
}

```

4.4 Examples

Let us consider a few examples. First, lists and sets (i.e., collections implementing the **Collection** interface)

Listing 50

HUG-Lists/AList.java

```

1 import java.util.ArrayList;
2 import java.util.Collection;

```

```

3 import java.util.Collections;
4 import java.util.List;
5 import java.util.Set;
6 import java.util.HashSet;
7 import java.util.TreeSet;
8 import java.util.Iterator;
9
10 public class AList {
11     public static void main(String[] args) {
12         List<String> list = new ArrayList<>();
13         list.add("Sue");
14         list.add("Lea");
15         list.add("Ann");
16         list.add("Kim");
17         list.add("Lea");
18         list.add(1,"Amy"); // inefficient!
19
20         System.out.println("First 'Lea' under index " +
21                             list.indexOf("Lea"));
22         System.out.println("Last 'Lea' under index " +
23                             list.lastIndexOf("Lea"));
24         System.out.println("Does the list contain 'Sue': " +
25                             list.contains("Sue"));
26         System.out.println("Does the list contain 'Bea': " +
27                             list.contains("Bea"));
28         System.out.println("Size of list: " + list.size());
29
30         // traditional looping
31         System.out.print("With get(): ");
32         for (int i = 0; i < list.size(); ++i)
33             System.out.print(" " + list.get(i));
34         // `foreach' loop
35         System.out.print("\nAnother way: ");
36         for (String s : list)
37             System.out.print(" " + s);
38         // iterators
39         System.out.print("\nnow iterator:");
40         Iterator<String> iter = list.iterator();
41         while (iter.hasNext())
42             System.out.print(" " + iter.next());
43
44         // sorting and sublists
45         Collections.sort(list);
46         System.out.println("\nSorted:      " + list);
47         List<String> subl = list.subList(1,4);
48         System.out.println("Sublist:      " + subl);
49
50         // HashSet
51         Set<String> hSet = new HashSet<>(list);
52         System.out.println("Hash set:      " + hSet);

```

```

53         // TreeSet
54         Set<String> tSet = new TreeSet<>(list);
55         System.out.println("Tree set:      " + tSet);
56         System.out.println("Does the tSet contain 'Sue': " +
57                             tSet .contains("Sue"));
58         tSet.add("Zoe");
59         tSet.remove("Lea");
60         System.out.println("tSet now:      " + tSet);
61     }
62 }

```

The program prints

```

First 'Lea' under index 2
Last  'Lea' under index 5
Does the list contain 'Sue': true
Does the list contain 'Bea': false
Size of list: 6
With get():   Sue Amy Lea Ann Kim Lea
Another way:  Sue Amy Lea Ann Kim Lea
now iterator: Sue Amy Lea Ann Kim Lea
Sorted:       [Amy, Ann, Kim, Lea, Lea, Sue]
Sublist:      [Ann, Kim, Lea]
Hash set:     [Ann, Sue, Lea, Amy, Kim]
Tree set:     [Amy, Ann, Kim, Lea, Sue]
Does the tSet contain 'Sue': true
tSet now:     [Amy, Ann, Kim, Sue, Zoe]

```

Note, that iteration over a **TreeSet** collection gives its elements in alphabetical order, what corresponds to the natural order of **Strings**. This is not true for a **HashSet**. Note also various forms of iterations over **Lists**, in particular the *for-each* loop (that we already used for arrays).

Now maps (i.e., collections implementing the **Map** interface, but not **Collection**):

Listing 51

HUK-SimpleMap/ASimpleMap.java

```

1  import java.util.HashMap;
2  import java.util.Iterator;
3  import java.util.Map;
4  import java.util.Set;
5  import java.util.TreeMap;
6
7  public class ASimpleMap {
8      public static void main(String[] args) {
9          Map<String,Integer> map = new TreeMap<>();
10         map.put("Sue",167);
11         map.put("Ann",173);
12         map.put("Lea",170);
13         map.put("Kim",173);
14

```

```

15     Iterator<String> iter = map.keySet().iterator();
16     while (iter.hasNext()) {
17         String key = iter.next();
18         int val = map.get(key); // auto(un)boxing
19         System.out.print(key + ": " + val + " ");
20         if (val == 170) iter.remove();
21     }
22
23     System.out.print("\nWe can print a map: " + map);
24
25     // returns null, or the value if present
26     map.putIfAbsent("Lea",169);
27     // returns old value or null if not present
28     map.replace("Lea",170);
29
30     System.out.print("\nIs there a key 'Lea'? " +
31                     map.containsKey("Lea"));
32     System.out.print("\nIs there a key 'Zoe'? " +
33                     map.containsKey("Zoe"));
34     // inefficient!
35     System.out.println("\nIs any girl 170 cm tall? " +
36                       map.containsValue(170));
37
38     Integer was = map.remove("Ann");
39     if (was != null)
40         System.out.println("Ann removed, she was " +
41                             was + " cm tall");
42     was = map.remove("Zoe");
43     if (was == null)
44         System.out.println("There was no 'Zoe!'");
45
46     System.out.println("getOrDefault: 'Zoe' -> " +
47                       map.getOrDefault("Zoe",-1));
48     System.out.println("getOrDefault: 'Lea' -> " +
49                       map.getOrDefault("Lea",-1));
50
51     System.out.print("Iterating over 'keySet': ");
52     for (String s : map.keySet())
53         System.out.print(s + "-> " + map.get(s) + " ");
54
55     System.out.print("\nMore efficient way: ");
56     for (Map.Entry<String,Integer> e : map.entrySet())
57         System.out.print(e.getKey() + "-> " +
58                           e.getValue() + " ");
59     System.out.println();
60 }
61 }

```

The program prints

```

Ann: 173  Kim: 173  Lea: 170  Sue: 167
We can print a map: {Ann=173, Kim=173, Sue=167}
Is there a key 'Lea'? true
Is there a key 'Zoe'? false
Is any girl 170 cm tall? true
Ann removed, she was 173 cm tall
There was no 'Zoe'!
getOrDefault: 'Zoe' -> -1
getOrDefault: 'Lea' -> 170
Iterating over 'keySet': Kim->173  Lea->170  Sue->167
More efficient way: Kim->173  Lea->170  Sue->167

```

Note, that **Maps** themselves are *not* iterable; however, a map's key set (returned by the **keySet** method), being a **Set**, i.e., a **Collection**, *is* iterable. The same applies to the **Set** of type **Map.Entry** objects returned by the **entrySet** method — each of such objects represents one (key, value) pair, of which both components may be accessed separately by the methods **getKey** and **getValue**.

4.5 Importance of equal and hashCode methods

Class **Object** defines — among others (in particular

```
public String toString()
```

that we already know) two other important methods:

- `public boolean equals(Object ob)` — which is used to check if two objects are, according to some criterion, equal: for two references `ob1` and `ob2`, the expression `ob1.equals(ob2)` compares the objects and yields **true** or **false**. But according to what criterion? In class **Object** there is no data to be compared, so the default implementation just compares addresses of the two objects. Very often, this is *not* what we want. When we have two objects of class **Person** and these persons have identical names, dates of birth, passport numbers etc., we rather want to consider the two objects as representing exactly the same person, in other words we want to consider these two objects equal. To get this behavior, we thus have to redefine (override) **equals** in our class.

The **equals** method should implement an equivalence relation on non-null object references. This means that for any non-null references `a`, `b` and `c` `a.equals(a)` should always be **true** (reflexivity), `a.equals(b)` should have the same value (**true** or **false**) as `b.equals(a)` (symmetry), and if `a.equals(b)` and `b.equals(c)` are **true** then `a.equals(c)` must also be **true** (transitivity).

Reflexivity and symmetry are usually obvious, but transitivity — not always. Suppose, we consider two two-element sets equal if they have at least one common element. Then $A = \{a, b\}$ is equal to $B = \{b, c\}$ and B is equal to $C = \{c, d\}$, but A and C have no common element and are not equal.

- `public int hashCode()` — which is used to calculate the so called **hash code** of an object. This is necessary if we want to put objects of our class in collections implemented as hash tables (e.g., **HashSet** or keys in a **HashMap**). The implementation of **hashCode** method from the **Object** class uses just the address of the object to calculate its hash code. However, very often this is not desirable as it would lead to situations when two objects that are considered equal (according to **equals**) have different hash codes: as a consequence the collections of such objects would be invalidated. Therefore, we have to override also this method

remembering to do it consistently: whenever two objects are equal according to **equal**, their hash codes should be exactly the same.

This is illustrated by the following example:

Listing 52

HUM-HashEquals/Person.java

```
1 public class Person {
2
3     private String name;
4     private String idNumber;
5
6     public Person(String name, String idNumber) {
7         this.name = name;
8         this.idNumber = idNumber;
9     }
10
11     /**/
12     @Override
13     public boolean equals(Object other) {
14         if (other == null ||
15             getClass() != other.getClass()) return false;
16         Person p = (Person)other;
17         return idNumber.equals(p.idNumber) &&
18             name.equals(p.name);
19     }
20     /**/
21
22     /**/
23     @Override
24     public int hashCode() {
25         return 17*name.hashCode() + idNumber.hashCode();
26     }
27     /**/
28
29     @Override
30     public String toString() {
31         return name + "(" + idNumber + ")";
32     }
33 }
```

with **main** as below

Listing 53

HUM-HashEquals/AHash.java

```
1 import java.util.HashMap;
2 import java.util.Map;
3
4 public class AHash {
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```

6      Map<Person,String> map = new HashMap<>();
7
8      map.put(new Person("Sue","123456"),"Sue");
9
10     // new object, but should be equivalent to
11     // the one which has been put into the map
12     Person sue = new Person("Sue","123456");
13
14     if (map.containsKey(sue))
15         System.out.println(sue + " has been found");
16     else
17         System.out.println(sue + " has NOT been found");
18 }
19 }

```

As can be easily checked, the program will print

Sue(123456) has been found

only when both **hashCode** and **equals** are consistently overridden in the class of keys of the map (i.e., **Person**).

Method references

Quite often, when we override a method of a functional interface, its implementation reduces to invoking another method that already exists in a class. In such situations we can pass the reference to this method and the compiler will do the rest all by itself. For example, suppose we have a stream `stream` of objects of type `AClass`; we can terminate the pipeline of operations on the stream with `forEach` which then expects an object implementing `Consumer<AClass>`. Suppose, we just want to print elements of the stream — we can achieve this by writing

```
stream.forEach(e -> System.out.println(e))
```

or, in an abbreviated form, we just pass a method reference

```
stream.forEach(System.out::println)
```

In the latter case, we are telling the compiler *take elements of the stream and pass them, one by one, to the method indicated as an argument*. Notice, that in a method reference the name of the method must be preceded by a double colon and there are no parentheses after the name, because we don't invoke this function here; it is just a reference to the method itself. As `println` is a non-static method, it must be called on an object, so in front of the method reference we specify the object it is to be invoked on (in this case it is `System.out`).

There are three main forms of method references:

- `anObject::nonstaticMethod`
- `AClass::staticMethod`
- `AClass::nonstaticMethod`

In each case arguments for methods are needed, and also, in the third case, an object which will be the receiver of the invocation.

In the first case, `anObject::nonstaticMethod`, arguments will be passed as the argument to the method, so it is essentially equivalent to a lambda

```
e -> anObject.nonstaticMethod(e)
(e,f) -> anObject.nonstaticMethod(e,f)
```

depending of the number of arguments expected. Note that there can be several overloaded versions of the method: compiler will select the one matching the number and types of arguments passed. We have already seen an example: `System.out::println` corresponds to

```
e -> System.out.println(e)
```

In the second case, we can use a static method if the number and type of arguments matches the number and type of arguments of the static method. For example, if `Function<Double,Double,Double>` (or `BinaryOperator<Double>`) is expected in a given context, we can pass just `Math::pow`; this will be equivalent to passing the the lambda

```
(x, y) -> Math.pow(x,y)
```

In the third case, the first argument becomes the target (receiver) of the method and the remaining arguments are passed to the method as arguments. For example, **String::compareToIgnoreCase** corresponds to

```
(x, y) -> x.compareToIgnoreCase(y).
```

Suppose you want to sort an array of **Strings** (say, **strings**) ignoring the case. You can call **sort** which expects a **Comparator** that will be called with two arguments; you can pass the method reference

```
Arrays.sort(strings, String::compareToIgnoreCase)
```

Let us consider an example:

Listing 54

LCP-MethRefs/MethRefs.java

```
1 import java.util.Arrays;
2 import java.util.Collections;
3 import java.util.Iterator;
4 import java.util.List;
5
6 public class MethRefs {
7     List<String> list = Arrays.asList(
8         "Zoe", "kate", "Cindy", "barbra");
9     public static void main(String[] args) {
10         new MethRefs();
11     }
12
13     public MethRefs() {
14         // case anObject::nonstaticMethod
15         // Iterable<String> expected
16         Iterable<String> iterObj = this::getIter;
17         for (String s : iterObj) System.out.print(s + " ");
18         System.out.println();
19
20         // case AClass::staticMethod
21         // Runnable expected
22         Thread t = new Thread(MethRefs::tenFibos);
23         t.start();
24         try {
25             t.join();
26         } catch (InterruptedException ignore) { }
27
28         // case AClass::nonstaticMethod
29         // Comparator<String> expected
30         Collections.sort(list, String::compareTo);
31         System.out.println(list);
32         Collections.sort(list, String::compareToIgnoreCase);
33         System.out.println(list);
34     }
35
36     public static void tenFibos() {
```

```

37      // prints first 10 Fibonacci numbers
38      StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder("0, 1");
39      int a = 0, b = 1;
40      for (int i = 0; i < 8; ++i) {
41          b += a;
42          a = b - a;
43          sb.append(", " + b);
44      }
45      System.out.println(sb);
46  }
47
48  public Iterator<String> getIter() {
49      return list.iterator();
50  }
51 }

```

which prints

```

Zoe kate Cindy barbra
0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34
[Cindy, Zoe, barbra, kate]
[barbra, Cindy, kate, Zoe]

```

More examples can be found in Listing 56, Listing 58, Listing 59 and other listings from section 6 on p. 64.

Method references may also refer to constructors, even ‘constructors’ of arrays. The syntax is as follows:

- `AClass::new`
- `AType[]::new`

where in the second case **AType** may also be a primitive type (like `int`). In the first case, arguments are passed to a constructor, and its type decides which constructor will be used (if they are overloaded).

In the second case, there can be only one argument, a non-negative integer, which will be used as the size of the array created. There are also functions that accept a reference to an array constructor specifying type of the array to be created, which would otherwise be `Object[]`. For examples — see Listing 55 and Listing 62.

Streams

6.1 Introduction

Streams provide an abstraction for dealing with collections of values (which do not have to correspond to ‘real’ collections) and specifying what you want to be done, leaving the details of how to do it to the library. For example, you can create a stream of object of type **Person** and say something like *select only women of age in the range [35, 60] and form a map with country of origin as keys and lists of women form these countries as values*. Or, having an infinite (*sic!*) stream of **doubles**, you can say *select only positive numbers, round them to integers, calculate their squares, take 1000 first elements and give me their arithmetic average*. In addition, you can often say something like *take my stream, do this and this and try to do it using as many separate threads as necessary to ensure maximum efficiency*.

Streams can be created from collections, arrays, or using generators or iterators. However, themselves, they are *not* collections. Rather, they represent streams of individual pieces of data that can be processed one by one, not necessarily storing anywhere and anytime all of them together.

- Usually, streams do not store their elements anywhere, they take it one by one from a source. However, for some operations they have to store the elements internally, for example in order to sort them.
- Streams do not modify the source of their elements, they can transform them and yield transformed values in a new stream.
- Operations on streams are ‘lazy’, i.e. only those operation that are needed to get the desired result are actually executed.

In order to use streams, you have to

- create a stream — you can require it to be parallelized if it makes sense for a problem at hand;
- apply zero, one or more *intermediate operations*; each of them yields another stream to which one can apply a next intermediate operation, thus forming the so called *pipeline*;
- apply a *terminal operation* that produces a result. Only a terminal operation triggers all the other (intermediate) operations; before that no processing takes place. This is why streams can be lazy — when it is known what result is expected, it is known which operations are necessary and which are not. After applying a terminal operation, the stream is deemed ‘consumed’; its is closed and cannot be reused.

Some operations, both intermediate and terminal, can be *short-circuiting*: an intermediate operation is short-circuiting if for an infinite stream it may produce a finite stream, a terminal operation is short-circuiting if for an infinite stream it may terminate in finite time. Of course, for infinite streams, there must be at least one short-circuiting operation in the whole pipeline of operations.

Intermediate operations can be stateless or stateful. Most of them are stateless — elements are processed one by one and to process a given element no knowledge of elements seen previously, or those to be seen later, is needed. Some operations, however,

are stateful — at least some information on the previous elements has to be remembered. There are four such operations in the library: **sorted**, **distinct**, **limit** and **skip**. For obvious reasons, the stateful operations cannot be applied to infinite streams and are less efficient.

In the examples below, we will use references to methods, which can be used instead of lambdas — they are covered in more detail in sec. 5 on p. 61.

We will also refer to functional interfaces that are already defined in the library: more about them in sec. 7 on p. 80.

6.2 Creating streams

Streams can be created from any collection by invoking their **stream** method

```
collection.stream()
```

which produces a stream of type **Stream<T>**, where **T** is the type of elements of the collection. There is also a static function **of** in class **Stream**. It takes any number of arguments, or an array, and creates a stream:

```
Stream<String> s1 = Stream.of("Alice", "Cindy", "Kate");
Stream<String> s2 = Stream.of(new String[]{"A","B"});
```

Another static function of **Stream** is **generate**. It takes a **Supplier** and produces a stream by using the supplier to create (potentially infinite) stream of values

```
Stream<Double> d = Stream.generate(Math::random);
```

One can also use **iterate** which takes a ‘seed’ and a **UnaryOperator** and repeatedly applies the operator to the previous element with seed as the first one, so the resulting stream will be

```
(seed, op.apply(seed), op.apply(op.apply(seed)), ...)
```

For example:

```
Stream.iterate(1, n -> 2*n).limit(7).forEach(System.out::println);
```

will print the sequence (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64); note that we had to limit the number of elements in the stream, as **iterate** generates potentially infinite sequence of numbers.

Functions **generate** and **iterate** may also be used with primitive types; the type of the stream will then be **DoubleStream**, **LongStream** or **IntStream**.

Streams of primitive type, **IntStream** and **LongStream** can also be created by calling **range** and **rangeClosed**:

```
IntStream s = IntStream.range(int startIncl, int endExcl)
IntStream s = IntStream.rangeClosed(int startIncl, int endIncl)
```

which return an ordered stream of **ints** from **startIncl** (inclusive) to **endExcl** (exclusive) for the first form or to **endIncl** (inclusive) in the second form, by an incremental step of 1 (and analogously for **longs**).

Methods creating streams have also been added to some other classes, for example **Files** from *java.nio.file*. Its static method **lines** yields a stream of lines of a file as **Strings**:

```
try (Stream<String> str = Files.lines(path, charset)) {
    // str is a stream of lines as strings
}
```

We use try-with-resources here to be sure that when the stream is closed, the underlying file is also closed (if your charset is UTF-8, it can be omitted, as this is the default).

There is also, in class **Pattern** from *java.util.regex*, the method **splitAsStream** which yields a stream of **Strings** resulting from splitting a text (actually, a **CharSequence**) with a given regex specifying the separator:

```
Stream<String> words =
    Pattern.compile("\\P{L}+").splitAsStream(text);
```

will yield a stream of words from **text** (separated by non-empty sequences of non-letters).

You can find examples of stream creation in listings that follow (in particular, Listing 57 on page 71).

6.3 Intermediate operations

Let us enumerate the most useful intermediate operations (implemented as methods of class **Stream** from the package *java.util.stream*). In what follows, the symbol **T** denotes the type of elements in a stream on which the methods are invoked (its type is therefore **Stream<T>**, while **R** stands for another type, where applicable.

- **Stream<T> filter(Predicate<T> pred)** — produces a new stream where only elements that satisfy the predicate from the original stream are retained. Examples: Listing 56, Listing 60, Listing 61, Listing 63.
- **Stream<R> map(Function<T,R> fun)** — applies the function to each element of the input stream and produces a new stream of values obtained. There are similar operations with a primitive type instead of **R**: **mapToInt**, **mapToLong** and **mapToDouble**. Examples: Listing 55, Listing 56, Listing 57, Listing 58, Listing 61, Listing 62.
- **Stream<T> distinct()** — produces the same stream as the input one but with all duplicates removed (they need not to be on subsequent positions). To compare elements, method **equal** is used. Stateful (and rather expensive) operation. Examples: Listing 57, Listing 63.
- **Stream<R> flatMap(Function<T,Stream<R>> fun)** — applies **fun** to all elements to get stream of streams; then ‘flattens’ these streams into one stream of all elements from the individual streams. There are specialized versions for primitive types instead of **R**: **flatMapToInt**, **flatMapToLong** and **flatMapToDouble** which return **IntStream**, **LongStream** and **DoubleStream**, respectively. Example: Listing 63.
- **Stream<T> sorted(Comparator<T> cmp)** — yields the same stream but sorted by using the given comparator **cmp**. There is also version without any arguments — then the natural order of type **T** is used. Stateful operation. See also the documentation of **Comparator** from *java.util* for various ways of creating comparators; an example is shown in Listing 63. Other examples include Listing 57 and Listing 61.
- **Stream<T> peek(Consumer<T> cons)** — returns the same stream but executes **cons** on each element ‘on the fly’. Used often for debugging. Examples: Listing 61, Listing 55, Listing 56.

- `Stream<T> limit(long lim)` — returns the same stream but limited to at most `lim` first elements. Stateful, short-circuiting operation. Example: Listing 55.
- `Stream<T> skip(long skip)` — returns the same stream but with first `skip` elements suppressed. Stateful operation.

6.4 Terminal operations

Zero, one or more transformations by intermediate operations must be followed by exactly one final (terminal) operation; otherwise no operation at all would be actually executed as this is a terminal operation that forces the execution of all (lazy) operations that precede it. Terminal operation yields a result — this can be one value (in particular, a number) or a collection (or array) of elements.

Many terminal operations can be created by stream method `collect(Collector)`, where a collector can be chosen from the rich set of ready-to-use collectors returned by static factory methods defined in class `Collectors`.

There are several terminal operations yielding a number as their result. For example (`T` denotes the type of elements in the stream, `NumType` stands for `Int`, `Long` or `Double`):

- `long count()` — returns the number of elements in the input stream;
- `Optional<T> min(Comparator cmp)`, `Optional<T> max(Comparator cmp)` — return minimum and maximum elements of the stream using a provided comparator. For primitive-type streams no comparator is needed and the return type is `OptionalInt`, `OptionalLong` or `OptionalDouble`. To get minimum or maximum element, one can also use `collect` with a collector returned by invoking `minBy(Comparator)` or `maxBy(Comparator)` from class `Collectors`. The optional returned is empty, if stream was empty.
- `NumType sum()` — returns the sum of elements for primitive-type streams. Similarly, a collector returned by `summingType(ToTypeFunction)` can be used for non-primitive type (`Type` is `Int`, `Long` or `Double`). See examples in Listing 57 and Listing 61.
- `Optional<Double> average()` — returns the mean (arithmetic average) for streams of primitive types. A collector returned by `averagingType(ToTypeFunction)` can be used for non-primitive types (`Type` is `Int`, `Long` or `Double`).

For primitive streams, there are also terminal operations `summaryStatistics`, which return an object of type `TypeSummaryStatistics`, where `Type` is `Int`, `Long` or `Double`. This object may then be queried for the number of elements, their sum, average, minimum and maximum. For non-primitive types one can use a collector returned by `summarizingType(ToTypeFunction)`. Very often, the `ToTypeFunction` function will be just the reference to a method returning a number. See an example in Listing 58.

Another group of terminal operations are those returning collections (or arrays). Let us mention some of them

- `Object[] toArray()` — returns all elements of the stream as an array (of type `Object[]`). See example in Listing 62.
- `R[] toArray(IntFunction<R[]> gen)` — returns an array of type `R[]`; `gen` is a function taking an `int` and creating an array of this size. Most often this will be just the reference to an array constructor `R[]::new`. See examples in Listing 56 and Listing 60.

- collector returned by `groupingBy(Function<T,K> keyExtr)` — produces a map of type `Map<K,List<T>>`. It applies the function `keyExtr` to each element of the stream and treats the obtained value as a key in the resulting map; lists of elements yielding the same key will be the values of the map (there are others, very powerful versions of this collector). See a simple example in Listing 59.

A very useful terminal operation just ‘consumes’ the stream

```
void forEach(Consumer<T> cons)
```

by invoking `cons` on each element; a very common example is just printing:

```
stream.forEach(System.out::println).
```

One can also create a `String` by concatenating strings obtained from subsequent elements of a stream; such a collector can be created by factory method

```
String stream.collect(Collectors.joining())
```

(a desired delimiter may also be passed as the argument). See examples in Listing 57, Listing 58, Listing 61 and Listing 63.

There are also short-circuiting operations taking a `Predicate` and returning `boolean` — `allMatch` (whether all elements satisfy the given predicate), `anyMatch` (whether at least one satisfies it) and `noneMatch` (whether all elements do not satisfy the predicate). They are short-circuiting because the stream is deemed consumed (and processing stops) when the result is already known. For example, in the case of `allMatch`, when an element *not* satisfying the predicate is encountered, the answer is `false` and cannot change, so the processing stops. See example in Listing 57.

A very important and versatile reduction of a stream to a single value can be obtained by invoking `reduce` (the operation performed by `reduce` is called *left fold*). The operation has a few variants. The basic one looks like this

```
T reduce(T iden, BinaryOperator<T> acc)
```

Here, `acc` is a `BinaryOperator<T>` acting on two values of type `T` (type of elements of the stream). First the operator is applied to `iden` and the first element of the stream, then on the result and the second element, than again on the result and the third, and so on. Basically, this is equivalent to

```
T result = iden;
for (T e : elements of the stream)
    result = acc.apply(result, e)
return result;
```

There are two important conditions, though:

- `iden` must be an identity of the operation, i.e.,
`apply(iden,e)`
must return `e` (like number 0 for addition or 1 for multiplication);
- operator `apply` must be associative, i.e.,
`apply(apply(e,f),g) = apply(e,apply(f,g))`
must always hold.

Let us suppose that we have a stream `str` of `Integers`. Then we could use `reduce` to find the sum or product of all elements, or their count, like this


```

    // sum
Integer a = str.reduce(0, Integer::sum);
    // product
Integer a = str.reduce(1, (a,e) -> a*e);
    // count
Integer a = str.reduce(0, (a,e) -> a+1);

```

There are also other versions of **reduce** (without **iden**, but returning **Optional** — see documentation).

Streams can be parallelized. You either get a parallel stream directly from a collection

```
Stream<T> parallelStream = collection.parallelStream();
```

or parallelize an existing stream

```
Stream<T> parallelStream = sequentialStream.parallel();
```

You can also make a parallel stream sequential

```
Stream<T> sequentialStream = parallelStream.sequential();
```

Parallel streams allow the compiler to divide operations on the stream into parts that can be executed on different threads. Of course, the final result will have to be somehow combined from the partial results — this is not always trivial! It is your responsibility to ensure that operations performed on different threads do not lead to data races or deadlocks.

6.5 Examples

The example below uses **limit**, **peek**, **map** and **forEach** terminal operation. It demonstrates the ‘laziness’ of streams: only those elements which are necessary to get the result are actually processed. Also, a reference to a constructor is used:

Listing 55

LDC-Lazy/Lazy.java

```

1  import java.util.stream.Stream;
2  import java.io.File;
3
4  public class Lazy {
5      public static void main (String[] args) {
6          Stream.of("Alice", "Bella", "Cecilia", "Dorothy")
7              .peek(e -> System.out.print("peek: " + e + "; "))
8              .map(s -> s + ".txt")
9              .map(File::new)
10             .limit(2)
11             .forEach(f -> System.out.println(f + " exists? " +
12                 (f.exists() ? "Yes" : "No") ));
13     }
14 }

```

The output is interesting:

```
peek: Alice; Alice.txt exists? No
peek: Bella; Bella.txt exists? Yes
```

As we can see, the first element ("Alice") started its “journey” and went all the way down to the **forEach** before the next element ("Bella") even started! After two first elements ("Alice" and "Bella") finished, the **limit(2)** “says” *that’s enough* and no other element even starts its journey along the chain of operations — ("Cecilia" and "Dorothy" don’t even reach **peek**! This nicely illustrates the laziness of streams: only what is necessary to get the final result will be really executed.

The example below demonstrates the function **Files.lines** which creates a stream of lines of a given file which then can be transformed and reduced to a desired result (in this case, a list). It also demonstrates method references, as well as methods **filter**, **peek**, **map** and **toList** and **forEach** terminal operations.

Listing 56

LDF-StreamGrep/StreamGrep.java

```
1 import java.util.List;
2 import java.io.IOException;
3 import java.nio.file.Files;
4 import java.nio.file.Paths;
5 import java.util.stream.Collectors;
6 import java.util.stream.Stream;
7 import static java.nio.charset.StandardCharsets.UTF_8;
8
9 public class StreamGrep {
10     public static void main(String[] args) {
11         List<String> list = null;
12         try (Stream<String> lines =
13             Files.lines(Paths.get("StreamGrep.java"),
14                 UTF_8)) {
15             String substr = "String";
16             list = lines
17                 // Predicate expected
18                 .filter(s -> s.indexOf(substr) >= 0)
19                 // Consumer expected
20                 .peek(System.out::println)
21                 .collect(Collectors.toList());
22         } catch (IOException e) { return; }
23         System.out.println("and now the list...");
24         list.stream()
25             // reference to method
26             .map(String::toUpperCase)
27             .forEach(System.out::println);
28     }
29 }
```

The program prints

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    List<String> list = null;
```

```

        try (Stream<String> lines =
            String substr = "String";
            .map(String::toUpperCase)
and now the list...
    PUBLIC STATIC VOID MAIN(STRING[] ARGS) {
        LIST<STRING> LIST = NULL;
        TRY (STREAM<STRING> LINES =
            STRING SUBSTR = "STRING";
            .MAP(STRING::TOUPPERCASE)

```

A stream of lines of a file can also be obtained from **BufferedReader**, as the example below demonstrates. It also shows streams of primitive type (e.g., **int**), various ways of creating streams, functions **sorted**, **distinct**, **filter**, **map**, **mapToInt**, **peek** and **sum**, **joining**, **allMatch** and **forEach** terminal operations. The last part of the program shows how to obtain a stream from a regex.

Listing 57

LDD-StreamMisc/StreamMisc.java

```

1  import java.io.BufferedReader;
2  import java.io.IOException;
3  import java.nio.charset.StandardCharsets;
4  import java.nio.file.Files;
5  import java.nio.file.Paths;
6  import java.util.ArrayList;
7  import java.util.Arrays;
8  import java.util.List;
9  import java.util.stream.Collectors;
10 import java.util.stream.IntStream;
11 import java.util.stream.Stream;
12 import java.util.regex.Pattern;
13
14 public class StreamMisc {
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         System.out.println("*From an array...");
17         String[] ws = {"To", "be", "or", "not", "to", "be"};
18         Stream.of(ws)
19             .map(String::toLowerCase)
20             .distinct()
21             .sorted()
22             .forEach(e -> System.out.print(e + " "));
23         System.out.println();
24
25         System.out.println("*From varargs...");
26         System.out.println(
27             Stream.of("To", "be", "or", "not", "to", "be")
28                 .collect(Collectors.joining(" - "))
29         );
30
31         System.out.println("*From a collection...");
32         List<String> list = Arrays.asList(

```

```

33         "1","10","100","1000","10000","100000");
34     System.out.println("Sum = " +
35         list.stream().mapToInt(Integer::parseInt).sum()
36     );
37
38     // generating a stream by iterating a unary
39     // function starting from a given seed
40     System.out.println("*From a generator...");
41     ArrayList<Integer> arri = new ArrayList<>();
42     IntStream.iterate(17, n -> n%2 == 0 ? n/2 : 3*n+1)
43         .peek(arri::add)           // arri in closure,
44         .allMatch(n -> n != 1);    // allMatch is short-
45                                   // circuited, so will
46     System.out.println(arri); // stop iteration!
47
48     System.out.println("*Lines of a file as stream...");
49     try (BufferedReader br = Files.newBufferedReader(
50         Paths.get("StreamMisc.java"),
51         StandardCharsets.UTF_8)) // default
52     {
53         br.lines()
54             .filter(e -> e.contains("collect"))
55             .forEach(System.out::println);
56     } catch (IOException never_ignore_exceptions) { }
57
58     System.out.println("*From a regex...");
59     String s = "a is 1, b=3 and c:7 X";
60     System.out.println("Sum of extracted numbers is " +
61         Pattern.compile("\\D+")
62             .splitAsStream(s)
63             .filter(e -> e.length() > 0)
64             .mapToInt(Integer::parseInt).sum());
65     }
66 }

```

The program prints

```

*From an array...
be not or to
*From varargs...
To - be - or - not - to - be
*From a collection...
Sum = 111111
*From a generator...
[17, 52, 26, 13, 40, 20, 10, 5, 16, 8, 4, 2, 1]
*Lines of a file as stream...
        .collect(Collectors.joining(" - "))
        System.out.println("*From a collection...");
        .filter(e -> e.contains("collect"))
*From a regex...

```

Sum of extracted numbers is 11

Primitive-type streams are also demonstrated in the example below; note the **summaryStatistics** terminal operation and the **generate** supplier. Also, functions **sorted**, **limit** and **map** are used here (as well as method references).

Listing 58

LDG-MethRefStr/MethRefStr.java

```
1  import java.util.Random;
2  import java.util.stream.DoubleStream;
3  import java.util.stream.Collectors;
4  import java.util.stream.Stream;
5
6  public class MethRefStr {
7      public static void main(String[] args) {
8          Random r = new Random(); // effectively final
9          System.out.println(
10              // Supplier of double's expected
11              DoubleStream.generate(r::nextGaussian)
12              // we want just ten million numbers
13              .limit(10_000_000)
14              // reduction to DoubleSummaryStatistics
15              .summaryStatistics()
16              // arithmetic average of all numbers
17              .getAverage());
18
19          System.out.println(
20              Stream.of(new Person("C"), new Person("A"),
21                      new Person("D"), new Person("B"))
22                      // Function<Person,otherType> expected
23                      .map(Person::getName)
24                      .sorted()
25                      // Function<String,otherType> expected
26                      .map(String::toLowerCase)
27                      // reduction to a single String
28                      .collect(Collectors.joining("-")));
29
30          Thread t = new Thread(MethRefStr::fibos);
31          t.start();
32          try {
33              t.join();
34          } catch (InterruptedException ignore) { }
35      }
36
37      public static void fibos() {
38          StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder("0, 1");
39          int a = 0, b = 1;
40          for (int i = 0; i < 8; ++i) {
41              b += a;
42              a = b - a;
```

```

43         sb.append(", " + b);
44     }
45     System.out.println(sb);
46 }
47 }
48
49 class Person {
50     private String name;
51     public Person(String n) { name = n; }
52     public String getName() { return name; }
53 }

```

The program prints (the first number may be different)

```

-1.9002508699231762E-4
a-b-c-d
0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34

```

The next example demonstrates the use of, extremely useful, **groupingBy** terminal operation. It comes in many variants; below, the simplest of them is used. It takes a function, which applied to elements of the stream will yield a value which will be then used as the key of the map: values of this map will be lists of elements that yield this key:

Listing 59

LDE-Grouping/Grouping.java

```

1  import java.util.Arrays;
2  import java.util.List;
3  import java.util.stream.Collectors;
4
5  public class Grouping {
6      public static void main (String[] args) {
7          List<Person> list = Arrays.asList(
8              new Person("John", "UK"),
9              new Person("Mary", "US"),
10             new Person("Xue", "CH"),
11             new Person("Kate", "UK"),
12             new Person("Janek", "PL"),
13             new Person("Cindy", "US"),
14             new Person("Bao", "CH"),
15             new Person("Kasia", "PL")
16         );
17
18         // collect gives Map<String,List<Person>>
19         // groupingBy expects Function...
20         list
21             .stream()
22             .collect(Collectors.groupingBy(Person::getCountry))
23             .entrySet()
24             .stream()

```

```

25         .forEach(e -> System.out.println(e.getKey() +
26             " -> " + e.getValue()));
27     }
28 }
29
30 class Person {
31     private final String name;
32     private final String country;
33     public Person(String n, String c) {
34         name = n; country = c;
35     }
36     public String getName() { return name; }
37     public String getCountry() { return country; }
38     @Override
39     public String toString() {
40         return name + " (" + country + ")";
41     }
42 }

```

The program prints

```

CH -> [Xue (CH), Bao (CH)]
UK -> [John (UK), Kate (UK)]
PL -> [Janek (PL), Kasia (PL)]
US -> [Mary (US), Cindy (US)]

```

The example below demonstrates combining predicates, and also **filter** function:

Listing 60

LDB-Predicates/Predicates.java

```

1  import java.util.List;
2  import java.util.function.Predicate;
3  import java.util.stream.Collectors;
4  import java.util.stream.Stream;
5
6  public class Predicates {
7      public static void main (String[] args) {
8          Predicate<Integer> p1 = e -> e%2 == 0;
9          Predicate<Integer> p = p1
10             .and(e -> e <= 10)
11             .or(e -> e == 19);
12          List<Integer> filteredList =
13              Stream.of(1,2,3,4,19,22,12)
14                  .filter(p)
15                  .collect(Collectors.toList());
16          filteredList.stream().forEach(System.out::println);
17          // prints 2, 4, 19
18      }
19 }

```

Several intermediate and terminal operations from previous examples are used below:

Listing 61

LDA-Streams/Streams.java

```
1 import java.util.Collections;
2 import java.util.Arrays;
3 import java.util.List;
4 import java.util.stream.Collectors;
5 import java.util.stream.IntStream;
6 import java.util.stream.Stream;
7
8 enum HairColor { BLACK, BROWN, BLOND, RED, WHITE };
9 enum EyeColor  { AMBER, BLUE, BROWN, GRAY, GREEN, HAZEL };
10 enum Sex       { WOMAN, MAN };
11
12 public class Streams {
13     public static void main(String... args) {
14         System.out.println("*Sorting by length of name");
15         Stream.of("Alice", "Margot", "Mary", "Sue")
16             .sorted((a,b) ->
17                 Integer.compare(a.length(),b.length()))
18             .forEach(System.out::println);
19
20         System.out.println("*Summing ints...");
21         int sum = IntStream.of(3,2,9,12,8,4)
22             .filter(n -> n%2 == 0)
23             .map(n -> 3*n+1)
24             .sorted()
25             .peek(n -> System.out.print(n+" "))
26             .sum();
27         System.out.println("\nSum = " + sum);
28
29         List<Person> listp = Arrays.asList(
30             new Person("Ann",Sex.WOMAN,
31                 HairColor.BLOND,EyeColor.BLUE),
32             new Person("Joe",Sex.MAN,
33                 HairColor.BLACK,EyeColor.BROWN),
34             new Person("Sue",Sex.WOMAN,
35                 HairColor.RED,EyeColor.HAZEL),
36             new Person("Ben",Sex.MAN,
37                 HairColor.BROWN,EyeColor.GREEN),
38             new Person("Bea",Sex.WOMAN,
39                 HairColor.WHITE,EyeColor.GRAY)
40         );
41
42         System.out.println("*Women's names...");
43         String womenNames =
44             listp.stream()
45                 .filter(p -> p.getSex() == Sex.WOMAN)
46                 .map(Person::getName)
```



```

47         .collect(Collectors.joining(", "));
48     System.out.println("Women: " + womenNames);
49
50     System.out.println("*Counting men...");
51     long menCount =
52         listp.stream()
53             .filter(p -> p.getSex() == Sex.MAN)
54             .count();
55     System.out.println("No. of men: " + menCount);
56
57     System.out.println("*Names staring with 'B'");
58     String nameB =
59         listp.stream()
60             .filter(p -> p.getName().charAt(0) == 'B')
61             .map(Object::toString)
62             .collect(Collectors.joining("\n"));
63     System.out.println(nameB);
64 }
65 }
66
67 class Person {
68     private final String    name;
69     private final Sex       sex;
70     private final HairColor hairColor;
71     private final EyeColor  eyeColor;
72     public Person(String n, Sex g,
73         HairColor hc, EyeColor ec) {
74         name      = n;
75         sex       = g;
76         hairColor = hc;
77         eyeColor  = ec;
78     }
79     public String getName() { return name; }
80     public Sex    getSex()  { return sex; }
81     public HairColor getHairColor() { return hairColor; }
82     public EyeColor getEyeColor() { return eyeColor; }
83
84     @Override
85     public String toString() {
86         return (sex == Sex.WOMAN ? "Mrs " : "Mr ") +
87             name + " (hair:" + hairColor + ", eyes:" +
88             eyeColor + ")";
89     }
90 }

```

The program prints

```

*Sorting by length of name
Sue
Mary

```

```

Alice
Margot
*Summing ints...
7 13 25 37
Sum = 82
*Women's names...
Women: Ann, Sue, Bea
*Counting men...
No. of men: 2
*Names starting with 'B'
Mr Ben (hair:BROWN, eyes:GREEN)
Mrs Bea (hair:WHITE, eyes:GRAY)

```

Next example demonstrates **map**, references to a constructor (also, to a ‘constructor’ of an array) and the **toArray** terminal operation.

Listing 62

LDH-RefConstr/RefConstr.java

```

1  import java.util.Arrays;
2  import java.util.stream.Stream;
3
4  public class RefConstr {
5      public static void main (String[] args) {
6          String[] names = {"Ada", "Bea", "Sue", "Lea" };
7          Person[] persons =
8              Stream.of(names)
9                  .map(Person::new)
10                 .toArray(Person[]::new); // otherwise Object[]
11          System.out.println(Arrays.toString(persons));
12      }
13  }
14
15  class Person {
16      private String name;
17      Person(String n)      { name = n; }
18      public String getName() { return name; }
19      @Override
20      public String toString(){ return "Miss " + name; }
21  }

```

The program prints

```
[Miss Ada, Miss Bea, Miss Sue, Miss Lea]
```

The final example demonstrates **flatMap**, which ‘flattens’ a stream of streams into one stream, consisting of all elements from these individual streams:

```
1 import java.io.IOException;
2 import java.nio.file.Files;
3 import java.nio.file.Paths;
4 import java.util.Comparator;
5 import java.util.stream.Collectors;
6 import java.util.stream.Stream;
7 import static java.nio.charset.StandardCharsets.UTF_8;
8
9 public class Flat {
10     public static void main(String[] args) {
11         String result = null;
12         try (Stream<String> stream =
13             Files.lines(Paths.get("Flat.java"), UTF_8))
14         {
15             result =
16                 stream
17                     .flatMap(l -> Stream.of(l.split("\\P{L}+")))
18                     .filter(w -> w.length() > 9)
19                     .distinct()
20                     .sorted(Comparator.comparing(
21                         String::length).reversed())
22                     .collect(Collectors.joining(", "));
23         } catch(IOException ignore) { }
24         System.out.println(result);
25     }
26 }
```

The program prints

StandardCharsets, IOException, Comparator, Collectors

Functional interfaces

Functional interfaces are those which declare *only one abstract* method, although they may contain definitions of default methods (marked with the keyword **default**) and static functions. When defining a functional interface, we should, although it is not strictly required, mark them with the annotation **FunctionalInterface** — the compiler will then check if the class definition actually defines a functional interface; e.g.,

```
@FunctionalInterface
interface Calc {
    double calculate(double d);
}
```

The standard library (in package **java.util.function**) defines several functional interfaces. The definitions are generic, i.e., they are expressed in terms of type parameters which may correspond to different (object) types. There are also versions with primitive types — **int**, **long**, **double** and **boolean**.

Let us briefly mention functional interfaces from the standard library.

7.1 Consumers

Consumers represent operations which accept (‘consume’) one or two arguments but do not return anything; therefore they are used for their side effects.

Interface **Consumer<T>** declares one abstract method of type **void** taking one argument:

```
void accept(T t)
```

where **T** denotes any *object* type. There are also versions for arguments of primitive types: **int**, **long** or **double**

- **IntConsumer** \implies `void accept(int t)`
- **LongConsumer** \implies `void accept(long t)`
- **DoubleConsumer** \implies `void accept(double t)`

Interface **BiConsumer<T,U>** declares one abstract method of type **void** taking two arguments:

```
void accept(T t, U u)
```

where **T** and **U** denote any *object* types. There are also versions with one of the arguments, the *second*, of a primitive type: **int**, **long** or **double**

- **ObjIntConsumer<T>** \implies `void accept(T t, int u)`
- **ObjLongConsumer<T>** \implies `void accept(T t, long u)`
- **ObjDoubleConsumer<T>** \implies `void accept(T t, double u)`

7.2 Functions

Functions represent operations which accept one or two arguments of some (possibly different) types and return a value of a certain type, which may be different from types of arguments (return types are conventionally denoted by the letter *R*).

Interface **Function**<*T*,*R*> declares one abstract method taking one argument and returning a value

```
R apply(T t)
```

where *T* and *R* denote any *object* types. There are also versions for arguments of primitive types: **int**, **long** or **double**

- **IntFunction**<*R*> \implies *R* apply(**int** t)
- **LongFunction**<*R*> \implies *R* apply(**long** t)
- **DoubleFunction**<*R*> \implies *R* apply(**double** t)

Other versions take argument of an object type but return values of primitive types: **int**, **long** or **double** (note different names of their abstract methods!)

- **ToIntFunction**<*T*> \implies **int** applyAsInt(*T* t)
- **ToLongFunction**<*T*> \implies **long** applyAsLong(*T* t)
- **ToDoubleFunction**<*T*> \implies **double** applyAsDouble(*T* t)

Finally, there are versions with argument and return value of (different) primitive types (note different names of their abstract methods!)

- **IntToLongFunction** \implies **long** applyAsLong(**int** t)
- **IntToDoubleFunction** \implies **double** applyAsDouble(**int** t)
- **LongToIntFunction** \implies **int** applyAsInt(**long** t)
- **LongToDoubleFunction** \implies **double** applyAsDouble(**long** t)
- **DoubleToIntFunction** \implies **int** applyAsInt(**double** t)
- **DoubleToLongFunction** \implies **long** applyAsLong(**double** t)

The cases when both types are the same will be handled by the interface **Operator**.

Interface **BiFunction**<*T*,*U*,*R*> declares one abstract method taking two arguments and returning a value

```
R apply(T t, U u)
```

where *T*, *U* and *R* denote any *object* types. There are also versions for return value of primitive type: **int**, **long** or **double** (note different names of their abstract methods!)

- **ToIntBiFunction**<*T*,*U*> \implies **int** applyAsInt(*T* t, *U* u)
- **ToLongBiFunction**<*T*,*U*> \implies **long** applyAsLong(*T* t, *U* u)
- **ToDoubleBiFunction**<*T*,*U*> \implies **double** applyAsDouble(*T* t, *U* u)

7.3 Operators

Operators represent functions, for which the return type and the types of argument(s) are all the same (like for ‘normal’ operators: addition, multiplication, etc.). They fall into two categories: unary operators (with one argument) and binary operators (with two arguments). This interface extends **Function**, so the abstract methods have the same names as the corresponding functions.

Interface **UnaryOperator**<*T*> represents an operation on a single argument that produces a result of the same type as that of the argument; the abstract method is

`T apply(T t)`

where **T** is any *object* type. There are also versions for primitive types (note different names of their abstract methods!)

- **IntUnaryOperator** \Rightarrow `int applyAsInt(int t)`
- **LongUnaryOperator** \Rightarrow `long applyAsLong(long t)`
- **DoubleUnaryOperator** \Rightarrow `double applyAsDouble(double t)`

Interface **BinaryOperator<T>** represents an operation with two arguments and returning a result: all of the same type (this interface extends **BiFunction**). The abstract method is therefore

`T apply(T t1, T t2)`

where **T** is any *object* type. There are versions for primitive types (note different names of their abstract methods!)

- **IntBinaryOperator** \Rightarrow `int applyAsInt(int t1, int t2)`
- **LongBinaryOperator** \Rightarrow `long applyAsLong(long t1, long t2)`
- **DoubleBinaryOperator** \Rightarrow `double applyAsDouble(double t1, double t2)`

7.4 Predicates

Predicates are functions returning a logical value: either **true** or **false**.

Interface **Predicate<T>** represents a predicate with one argument

`boolean test(T t)`

where **T** is any *object* type. There are versions for primitive types:

- **IntPredicate** \Rightarrow `boolean test(int t)`
- **LongPredicate** \Rightarrow `boolean test(long t)`
- **DoublePredicate** \Rightarrow `boolean test(double t)`

Interface **BiPredicate<T,U>** represents a predicate with two arguments and its abstract method is

`boolean test(T t, U u)`

7.5 Suppliers

Suppliers represent functions which do not take any argument but return a value.

Interface **Supplier<T>** declares an abstract method

`T get()`

where **T** is any *object* type. There are versions for primitive types (note different names of their abstract methods!)

- **BooleanSupplier** \Rightarrow `boolean getAsBoolean()`
- **IntSupplier** \Rightarrow `int getAsInt()`
- **LongSupplier** \Rightarrow `long getAsLong()`
- **DoubleSupplier** \Rightarrow `double getAsDouble()`

7.6 Example

The static function **mapFilter** in the program below expects a list, a **Predicate** and a **Function**. The predicate selects from a list elements satisfying the predicate, while the function transforms them to another type:

Listing 64

EMC-FInterfs/FInterfs.java

```
1 import java.util.ArrayList;
2 import java.util.Arrays;
3 import java.util.List;
4 import java.util.function.Function;
5 import java.util.function.Predicate;
6 public class FInterfs {
7     public static void main(String[] args) {
8         List<String> ls = Arrays.asList(
9             "Jane", "Sue", "Alice", "Kim", "Cecilia");
10        List<Character> lc = mapFilter(
11            ls, s -> s.length() > 3, s -> s.charAt(0));
12        System.out.println(lc);
13    }
14    static <T,R> List<R> mapFilter(
15        List<T> list, Predicate<T> p, Function<T,R> f) {
16        List<R> n = new ArrayList<>();
17        for (T e : list) if(p.test(e)) n.add(f.apply(e));
18        return n;
19    }
20 }
```

In the example above the predicate selects only strings longer than three characters, while the function transforms **String** into **Character**. The program prints [J, A, C].

Introduction to multithreading

8.1 Processes and threads

Modern computers can run many applications at the same time, simultaneously. For each such application the operating system creates a separate **process** which gets its address space, standard input and output streams (and also the so called standard error stream), and other resources that the process needs. Usually, however, there are much more processes than available physical processors or cores. Therefore, the operating system has to stop (preempt) some processes, storing their current state (contents of registers, stack, etc.) and load another process in their place for some **time slice**. This operation is called **context switching** and is quite expensive. Basically, we cannot know when and how often these switchings will take place.

A **threads** are kind of a subprocesses executed “inside” a process. Each of them has its own stack, but they all share one address space, in particular the heap, and other resources allocated by the operating system to the parent process. Like processes, they can run concurrently, be preempted at unpredictable moments, etc. Each runs the same or another sequence of actions as the others.

Threads running inside the same process share data on the heap: this ensures easy communication between them. On the other hand, it can happen that two or more threads access the same piece of data and one is modifying it. In such situation it is possible that the data will be read by one thread when only ‘half-modified’ by another thread. Moreover, if one thread assigns a new value to a variable, this modification may be not visible by other threads, because it was only effectuated in a cache or register. Even worse: compiler can reorder instructions executed by one thread as long as this doesn’t change the semantics of a sequence of instructions *from the point of view* of this thread. However, if data is shared, it may happen that the order of these instructions *does* matter from the point of view of other threads! We will therefore need certain means to handle all these situations.

Threads are represented by objects of class **Thread**. The class defines method `public void run()` — its implementation determines what the thread will do. The default implementation of `run` does nothing. Starting the thread will invoke this method, exiting it will stop the execution of the thread — it cannot be restarted (although the object itself still exists).

Threads have a priority, which can be modified by `setPriority` method — threads with higher priority are supposed to be executed in preference to those with lower priority, but implementation of this mechanism depends on the operation system, so it cannot be relied on.

Threads cannot be “killed” — exiting the `run` method is the only way for the thread to stop execution. Each thread has a boolean flag which indicates if it is interrupted — this flag may be set by another thread, but by itself it does *not* interrupt anything: the thread may detect that its interruption flag is set and “commit suicide” by exiting `run` (or it may just ignore the interruption).

Let us now explain

- how to create and launch a new thread;
- how to ensure integrity of data shared by many threads and synchronize actions on this data.

8.2 Creating threads

There are two ways of creating the object of class **Thread** representing a thread:

- Create a class extending **Thread** and override its **run** method, so it does something useful. Then create an object of this class and invoke method **start()** on it.
- Create a class implementing the functional interface **Runnable**. This interface has one method which has to be implemented: **public void run()**. Then create an object of class **Thread** passing to its constructor an object of your class implementing **Runnable**. Call **start** on this object.

At any moment, a created thread can be in one, and only one, of six different states, represented by constants of enumeration **Thread.State**

1. **NEW** — a thread exists but has not yet started;
2. **RUNNABLE** — a thread is being executed by the JVM, although it may be waiting for some resources from the operating system (e.g., preempted thread waiting for a processor);
3. **BLOCKED** — a thread is blocked waiting for a monitor lock (see below) — as soon as it acquires the lock, it will be in state **RUNNABLE** again;
4. **WAITING** — a thread is waiting to be “awaken” (see below); this happens after calling, without any timeout specified, **wait** on a monitor lock or static **Thread.join**;
5. **TIMED_WAITING** — a thread is waiting to be “awaken”, but with a specified waiting time; this happens after calling **Thread.sleep** or, with timeout specified, **wait** on a monitor lock or static **Thread.join**;
6. **TERMINATED** — a thread is “dead”; it has completed its execution (and cannot be restarted).

Now let us consider an example of a “data race” — several threads access the same variable at the same time:

Listing 65 QKC-BadThreads/BadThreads.java

```
1 public class BadThreads extends Thread {
2
3     private long number = 0L;
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         new BadThreads().start();
7     }
8
9     public BadThreads() {
10         final int MAXNUM = 40;
11         for (int i = 0; i < MAXNUM; ++i)
12             new Thread(new MyRunner(this), ""+i).start();
13         System.err.println(MAXNUM + " THREADS STARTED");
14     }
15
16     public long getNumber() {
17         if (number < 1) number = number + 1;
```

```

18     number = number - 1;
19     return number;
20 }
21
22 @Override
23 public void run() {
24     try {
25         Thread.sleep(4000);
26     } catch (InterruptedException ignored) { }
27     System.err.println("Killing program");
28     System.exit(0);
29 }
30 }
31
32 class MyRunner implements Runnable {
33     private final BadThreads bad;
34
35     public MyRunner(BadThreads bad) {
36         this.bad = bad;
37     }
38
39     @Override
40     public void run() {
41         String name = Thread.currentThread().getName();
42         while (true) {
43             long n = bad.getNumber();
44             if (n != 0) {
45                 System.err.println(
46                     "n = " + n + " in thread " + name);
47                 break;
48             }
49         }
50     }
51 }

```

The output can be something like:

```

n = -1 in thread 1
n = 1 in thread 2
n = 2 in thread 0
n = 1 in thread 3
n = -1 in thread 5
n = -1 in thread 6
n = -1 in thread 4
n = -1 in thread 7
n = -1 in thread 8
n = -1 in thread 9
n = -1 in thread 10
n = -1 in thread 13
n = -1 in thread 11

```

```

n = -1 in thread 14
n = -1 in thread 12
n = -1 in thread 18
n = -1 in thread 15
n = -1 in thread 16
n = -1 in thread 17
n = -1 in thread 20
n = -1 in thread 19
n = -1 in thread 22
n = -1 in thread 23
n = -1 in thread 21
n = -1 in thread 26
n = -1 in thread 25
n = -1 in thread 27
n = -1 in thread 24
n = -1 in thread 28
n = -1 in thread 30
n = -1 in thread 31
n = -1 in thread 29
n = -1 in thread 33
n = -1 in thread 32
n = -1 in thread 34
n = -1 in thread 35
n = -1 in thread 38
40 THREADS STARTED
n = -1 in thread 37
n = -1 in thread 36
n = -1 in thread 39
Killing program

```

All threads stop prematurely! How to avoid simultaneous access to data by many threads?

8.3 Synchronization

All objects in Java have a hidden field (sometimes called a lock) which can be in two states: closed or open. This allows us to use any object as a monitor lock. Let `obj` be any object. Then we can synchronize a fragment of code on this object like this

```

synchronized (obj) {
    // code
}

```

If the execution of a thread encounters a block of code synchronized on an object (`obj` in this case),

- it will be blocked, if `obj` is “locked” (closed);
- if it is open, the thread locks it and enters the block. When leaving the block, it releases the lock again.

The block of code synchronized on a lock is called **critical section**. There can be many fragments of code (critical sections), perhaps scattered in different places of the

whole program, synchronized on the same object; only one of them can be executed at any instance of time — the one executed by thread which acquired the lock when it was open and closed it. All other threads which encountered a block synchronized on *exactly the same* object will have to wait until the lock is released (their state is BLOCKED). When this happens, only one of them (there is practically no way to predict which one) will acquire the lock and enter the critical section — all other will still be blocked.

Let us illustrate this:

Listing 66

QKE-BetterThreads/BetterThreads.java

```
1 public class BetterThreads extends Thread {
2
3     private long number = 0L;
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         new BetterThreads().start();
7     }
8
9     public BetterThreads() {
10        final int MAXNUM = 40;
11        for (int i = 0; i < MAXNUM; ++i)
12            new Thread(new MyRunner(this), ""+i).start();
13        System.out.println(MAXNUM + " THREADS STARTED");
14    }
15
16    public long getNumber() {
17        if (number < 1) number = number + 1;
18        number = number - 1;
19        return number;
20    }
21
22    @Override
23    public void run() {
24        try {
25            Thread.sleep(4000);
26        } catch (InterruptedException ignored) { }
27        System.out.println("Killing program");
28        System.exit(0);
29    }
30 }
31
32 class MyRunner implements Runnable {
33     private final BetterThreads better;
34
35     public MyRunner(BetterThreads better) {
36         this.better = better;
37     }
38
39     @Override
```

```

40     public void run() {
41         String name = Thread.currentThread().getName();
42         long n;
43         while (true) {
44             synchronized(better) {
45                 n = better.getNumber();
46             }
47             if (n != 0) {
48                 System.out.println(
49                     "n = " + n + " in thread " + name);
50                 break;
51             }
52         }
53     }
54 }

```

It often happens that there are methods of a class that modify fields of an object of this class and the object is accessible by many threads. We can then synchronize whole methods of this class. This is equivalent to synchronizing the whole body of the method on **this**, i.e.,

```

class AClass {
    synchronized void fun(/* ... */) {
        // ...
    }
}

```

is equivalent to

```

class AClass {
    void fun(/* ... */) {
        synchronized (this) {
            // ...
        }
    }
}

```

Only one synchronized method will be executed at any given instance of time, provided they are all called on *exactly the same object*.

Example:

Listing 67

QKA-SimpleThreads/FibThreads.java

```

1 public class FibThreads {
2
3     private int counter;
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         new FibThreads();
7     }
8 }

```

```

9      FibThreads() {
10          Runnable[] runs =
11              {
12                  new Fibo(46L,this), new Fibo(44L,this),
13                  new Fibo(46L,this), new Fibo(45L,this),
14                  new Fibo(45L,this), new Fibo(45L,this),
15              };
16          counter = runs.length;
17
18          for (Runnable r : runs)
19              new Thread(r).start();
20
21          System.out.println("Exiting from \"main\"");
22      }
23
24      synchronized void finished(long arg, long res) {
25          counter = counter - 1;
26          System.out.println("Fib(" + arg + ") = " + res +
27              ". Still running: " + counter);
28      }
29  }
30
31  class Fibo implements Runnable {
32
33      private final long arg;
34      private final FibThreads parent;
35
36      static long fibon(long n) {
37          return (n < 2) ? n : fibon(n-2) + fibon(n-1);
38      }
39
40      Fibo(long n, FibThreads w) {
41          arg = n;
42          parent = w;
43      }
44
45      @Override
46      public void run() {
47          System.out.println("Fibo(" + arg + ") starting");
48          long res = fibon(arg);
49          parent.finished(arg,res);
50      }
51  }

```

This is also possible to synchronize static methods: this is equivalent to synchronizing the whole body of the function on the object of class **Class** representing the class — there is only one such object and it can be referenced to as **AClass.class**, where **AClass** is the name of a class (or by calling **getClass** on any object of this class):

```
class AClass {
```

```

        synchronized static void fun(/* ... */) {
            // ...
        }
    }

```

is equivalent to

```

class AClass {
    static void fun(/* ... */) {
        synchronized (AClass.class) {
            // ...
        }
    }
}

```

It is crucial to always remember which object plays the rôle of a lock in a given context. For example in the code below

```

class Number {
    static double d;
    synchronized static void set(double x) { d = x; }
    synchronized double get() { return d; }
}

```

the (non-static) method **get** is synchronized on **this**, while **set** on **Number.class**, because it is static. These two functions, both having access to the field **d**, *can* be executed simultaneously, contrary to our intentions.

One may encounter a similar situation when dealing with outer and inner classes:

```

class Outer {
    double n;
    synchronized set(int nn) { n = nn; }
    // ...
    class Inner {
        synchronized int get() { return n; }
        // ...
    }
}

```

Here **set** is synchronized on **this** object of the outer class, while **get** on **this** which points to an object of the inner class. To avoid this inconsistency, we could have synchronized **get** on the object pointed to by **this** from the outer class:

```

class Outer {
    double n;
    synchronized set(int nn) { n = nn; }
    // ...
    class Inner {
        int get() {
            synchronized (Outer.this) {
                return n;
            }
        }
        // ...
    }
}

```

8.4 Inter-thread coordination

A thread which encountered a critical section with a closed lock is in the **BLOCKED** state. It is ready to continue as soon as the lock becomes open. However, sometimes we want a thread to wait for another thread to finish, before it can continue (e.g., because the other thread prepares some data which is needed by the current thread to be able to proceed). This may be achieved by calling

```
otherThread.join();
```

where `otherThread` is the reference to a thread; the current thread (executing this statement) will wait until `otherThread` has finished.

In another scenario, a thread has to wait for some event to take place before continuing, and this event is somehow controlled by another thread. We then have to change its state to **WAITING**. There are *two* queues associated with an object playing the rôle of a lock:

- those which are **BLOCKED** on it, i.e., they are ready to continue as soon as the lock is released, and
- those which are **WAITING** on this lock, i.e., they do nothing until they are ‘woken up’ by another thread — at this moment they are transferred to the **BLOCKED** queue and will be able to continue as soon as the lock has been open.

This scenario can be realized by using methods (from class **Object**)

- **wait**;
- **notify**;
- **notifyAll**.

All these methods must be invoked

- on an object which plays the rôle of the lock of some critical sections;
- inside a critical section guarded by this object.

The sequence of actions is as follows (by **lock** we mean the object on which critical sections involved are synchronized):

- A thread calls **wait** on **lock**. After that the thread is in state **WAITING**, the lock is *released* (open) and the thread becomes idle (doesn’t do anything). It is crucial that the lock is released, because another thread will have to “wake up” this thread also being in a critical section guarded by the same lock — this other thread would never be able to enter this critical section to do it, if the lock is closed! The waiting thread will not proceed until it is awoken by another thread.
- Another thread can now enter a critical section guarded by **lock**, do something (like modifying the value of a field of an object) and then notify (“wake up”) the waiting thread by calling **notify** on **lock**. At this moment, the waiting thread is moved from the queue of waiting threads to the queue of blocked threads — it cannot resume its execution immediately because the other thread, the one which called **notify**, was in a critical section, so **lock** is at this moment closed.

There is also a version of **wait** which takes an additional argument — time to wait. After this time has elapsed, the waiting thread will be woken up even without notification.

The method **notify** wakes up only one thread waiting on **lock** (if there are many, it is not known which one). To notify *all* threads waiting on a lock, call **notifyAll** (which should be avoided if not necessary, because it is rather expensive).

8.5 Terminating threads

A thread cannot be “killed” by another thread. In order to terminate a thread, one can set its flag `interrupted` by calling `interrupt` on an object representing the thread to be stopped. If a thread for which this flag has been set is waiting or sleeping, or calls `wait` or `Thread.sleep()`, a checked exception `InterruptedException` will be thrown; then, inside the `catch` clause, the thread may decide what to do (it can completely ignore this signal). Threads may also check their interrupted flag by calling `isInterrupted` on the thread executing a given piece of code. For example, one get the reference to the thread executing the current code and check if it has been interrupted by invoking

```
Thread.currentThread().isInterrupted()
```

which returns `true` or `false`.

8.6 Examples

Let us consider a couple of examples.

The first will illustrate the way to stop a thread by modifying a boolean variable `canRun`. Modifying this variable doesn't need to be synchronized, because operations on four-byte variables of primitive type are atomic (but not on `doubles` or `longs`). However, as it is accessed by two different threads, it should be declared as `volatile`. This means that it should always be read directly from memory and stored in memory: compiler is not allowed to cache it anywhere (in registers or cache memory). Otherwise, modifications made by one thread wouldn't be necessarily seen by other threads!

Listing 68

QKF-StopThread/StopThread.java

```
1 public class StopThread {
2     // booleans are written/read atomically,
3     // 'volatile' here to avoid caching value
4     static volatile boolean canRun = true;
5
6     public static void main (String[] args) {
7
8         Thread runner = new Thread(() -> {
9             while(canRun) {
10                 System.out.println("still running...");
11
12                 try {Thread.sleep(750);}
13                 catch(InterruptedException ignored) { }
14             }
15             System.out.println("INTERRUPTED!");
16         });
17         runner.start();
18
19         try {Thread.sleep(5000);}
20         catch(InterruptedException ignored) { }
21
22         canRun = false;
23     }
24 }
```

The next example will illustrate interrupting threads by setting their interrupted flag. Note that **interrupt** does *not* interrupt anything; the ‘interrupted’ thread must detect the interruption itself and decide what to do — here it just returns from **run** and hence becomes TERMINATED.

Listing 69

QJS-RunThreads/RunThreads.java

```
1 public class RunThreads {
2     public static void main (String[] args) {
3         // ShowTime extends Thread
4         Thread tTime = new ShowTime();
5
6         // ShowLett implements Runnable
7         Thread tLett = new Thread(new ShowLett());
8
9         // object of anonymous class extending Thread
10        Thread tNumb = new Thread() {
11            @Override
12            public void run() {
13                int num = 0;
14                while (true) {
15                    try {
16                        Thread.sleep(2000);
17                    } catch (InterruptedException exc) {
18                        System.out.println(
19                            " | \nNumb interrupted.");
20                        return;
21                    }
22                    System.out.printf(" | N %d", ++num);
23                }
24            }
25        };
26
27        // object of anonymous class extending Thread;
28        // using a lambda (as Runnable is functional)
29        Thread tHebr = new Thread( () -> {
30            int lett = 0x5D0-1;
31            while (true) {
32                try {
33                    Thread.sleep(1750);
34                } catch (InterruptedException exc) {
35                    System.out.println(
36                        " | \nHebr interrupted.");
37                    return;
38                }
39                int c = 0x5D0 + (++lett-0x5D0)%27;
40                System.out.printf(" | H %c", (char)c);
41            }
42        });
43    }
```

```

44     tTime.start();
45     tLett.start();
46     tNumb.start();
47     tHebr.start();
48     try {
49         Thread.sleep(10*1000);
50
51         tTime.interrupt(); Thread.sleep(3*1000);
52         tLett.interrupt(); Thread.sleep(4*1000);
53         tNumb.interrupt(); Thread.sleep(3* 200);
54         tHebr.interrupt(); Thread.sleep( 200);
55     } catch (InterruptedException e) {
56         System.out.println("Should never happen!!!");
57         System.exit(1);
58     }
59     System.out.println("ALL DONE");
60 }
61 }
62
63 class ShowTime extends Thread {
64     @Override
65     public void run() {
66         int time = 0;
67         while (true) {
68             try {
69                 Thread.sleep(1500);
70             } catch(InterruptedException exc) {
71                 System.out.println(" | \nTime interrupted.");
72                 return;
73             }
74             int min = ++time/60;
75             int sec = time%60;
76             System.out.printf(" | T %02d:%02d",min,sec);
77         }
78     }
79 }
80
81 class ShowLett implements Runnable {
82     @Override
83     public void run() {
84         int lett = 'A'-1;
85         while (true) {
86             try {
87                 Thread.sleep(1250);
88             } catch(InterruptedException exc) {
89                 System.out.println(" | \nLett interrupted.");
90                 return;
91             }
92             int c = 'A' + (++lett-'A')%26;
93             System.out.printf(" | L %c", (char)c);

```

```

94     }
95 }
96 }

```

Let us now consider another example illustrating inter-thread coordination. In class **Texts** there is room for only one text (variable `txt`); there is also a boolean value `newTxt` which is by assumption **true** only if a text has been set by author (class **Author**) but not yet read (taken) by the publisher (class **Publisher**). Therefore, if `newTxt` is **true**, the author cannot set a new value of `txt` — he waits until the publisher takes the text and notifies him about this. On the other hand, the publisher cannot proceed if `newTxt` is **false** — then *he* waits until the author sets a new text and wakes him up (by means of **notify**). Note that the condition `newTxt` is checked in **while** loop, and *not* by an **if**. In this simple program **if** would be sufficient. However, when more threads are active, **while** has to be used. Imagine that a thread has already executed the **if** statement went on hold. Then another thread modifies the condition variable (here, `newTxt`) and notifies this thread, which is then transferred to the blocked queue. After the lock has been open, the thread resumes execution, but by this time yet another thread could have changed the variable again — this will not be detected, as the **if** statement has already been executed!

Note also that here the variable `newTxt` doesn't need to be **volatile**: modifications of variables made inside or before entering a critical section *are* visible by the code synchronized on the same lock which enters its critical section later.

Listing 70

QKG-Coord/Coord.java

```

1  class Texts {
2      private String txt = null;
3      private boolean newTxt = false;
4
5      // invoked by Author to set a new text
6      synchronized public void setText(String s) {
7          while (newTxt) { // not if!!!
8              try {
9                  wait();
10             } catch (InterruptedException exc) {}
11         }
12         txt = s;
13         newTxt = true;
14         notify(); // invoked on 'this'
15     }
16
17     // invoked by Publisher to get a text
18     synchronized public String getText() {
19         while (!newTxt) { // not if!!!
20             try {
21                 wait(); // invoked on 'this'
22             } catch (InterruptedException exc) {}
23         }
24         newTxt = false;

```

```

25     notify(); // invoked on 'this'
26     return txt;
27 }
28 }
29
30 class Publisher extends Thread {
31     private Texts txtArea;
32     public Publisher(Texts t) {
33         txtArea=t;
34     }
35
36     public void run() {
37         String txt = null;
38         while ((txt = txtArea.getText()) != null) {
39             System.out.println("-> " + txt);
40         }
41     }
42 }
43
44 class Author extends Thread {
45     private Texts txtArea;
46     public Author(Texts t) {
47         txtArea=t;
48     }
49
50     public void run() {
51         String[] texts = {"Hamlet", "War and Peace",
52             "Macbeth", "The Trial", "Crime and Punishment",
53             "Madame Bovary", null };
54         for (int i=0; i<texts.length; i++) {
55             try {
56                 // writing a book takes some time...
57                 sleep((int)(1500 + Math.random()*300));
58             } catch (InterruptedException ignored) { }
59
60             txtArea.setText(texts[i]);
61         }
62     }
63 }
64
65 public class Coord {
66     public static void main(String[] args) {
67         Texts t = new Texts();
68         Thread t1 = new Author(t);
69         Thread t2 = new Publisher(t);
70         t1.start();
71         t2.start();
72     }
73 }

```

The next example illustrates stopping and resuming threads. Variables `stopped` and `suspended` should be `volatile`, because their values are modified when executing a code which is *not* in a critical section guarded by the lock, so without `volatile` there would be no guarantee that inside a critical section a new, modified value, is visible. Again, it is very important to check the values of these ‘condition’ variables in a `while` loop, and *not* just by an `if`. Suppose a thread is waiting on `suspended` (`suspended` is `true`)

`while (suspended) wait();`

and another thread sets `suspended` to `false` and notifies this thread. This thread cannot resume execution immediately — it is now blocked on the lock. When the lock is released, in unforeseeable future, and the thread can finally resume its execution, it may happen that `suspended` is again `true`, because it has been modified again by another thread! If we check the condition in a loop, it *will* be checked again, while with `if` there would no additional checking and the thread would proceed, although `suspended` would now be `true`!

Listing 71

QKH-SuspResum/SuspResum.java

```
1  import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
2
3  class MyThread extends Thread {
4      volatile boolean stopped = false;
5      volatile boolean suspended = false;
6
7      public void run() {
8          int num = 0;
9          while(!stopped) {
10             try {
11                 synchronized(this) {
12                     while (suspended) wait();
13                 }
14             } catch (InterruptedException exc) {
15                 System.out.println(
16                     "Interrupted on wait");
17             }
18             if (suspended) System.out.println(
19                 "Still suspended");
20             else            System.out.println(++num);
21         }
22     }
23
24     public void stopThread()    { stopped = true;    }
25     public void suspendThread() { suspended = true; }
26     public boolean isSusp()    { return suspended; }
27     public boolean isStop()    { return stopped;   }
28
29     public void resumeThread() {
30         suspended = false;
31         synchronized(this) {
32             notify();
33         }
34     }
35 }
```

```

34     }
35 }
36
37 public class SuspResum {
38     public static void main(String args[]) {
39         String msg = "I = interrupt\n" +
40                     "E = end\n" +
41                     "S = suspend\n" +
42                     "R = resume\n" +
43                     "N = new start";
44         MyThread t = new MyThread();
45         t.start();
46         while (true) {
47             String cmd = JOptionPane.showInputDialog(msg);
48             if (cmd == null) break;
49             if (cmd.trim().length() == 0) continue;
50             char c = Character.toUpperCase(cmd.charAt(0));
51             switch (c) {
52                 case 'I' : t.interrupt();      break;
53                 case 'E' : t.stopThread();     break;
54                 case 'S' : t.suspendThread();  break;
55                 case 'R' : t.resumeThread();   break;
56                 case 'N' :
57                     if (t.isAlive())
58                         JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(
59                             null, "Thread alive!!!");
60                     else {
61                         t = new MyThread();
62                         t.start();
63                     }
64                     break;
65                 default : break;
66             }
67             JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,
68                 "Command " + cmd + " executed.\n" +
69                 "Thread alive? " +
70                 (t.isAlive() ? "Y\n" : "N\n") +
71                 "Thread interrupted? " +
72                 (t.isInterrupted() ? "Y\n" : "N\n") +
73                 "Thread suspended? " +
74                 (t.isSusp() ? "Y\n" : "N\n") +
75                 "Thread stopped? " +
76                 (t.isStop() ? "Y\n" : "N"));
77         }
78     }
79     System.exit(0);
80 }
81 }

```

The Java standard library provides a multitude of classes which make multi-threaded programming much easier and less error prone. As an example, in the program below, we use a **BlockingQueue** which represents a queue automatically guarded against simultaneous accesses. To its constructor, we pass the required capacity of the queue. The mechanism is a possible solution of the classic *producer-consumer* problem. Threads representing producers add new elements by invoking **put**: if there is no room for a new element because the queue is full (number of its elements reached the capacity), they will be blocked and will have to wait until a consumer has popped at least one element. On the other hand, a consumer thread invoking **take** is blocked when there are no elements in the queue available, and will wait until a producer has supplied a new element. What is important is the fact that synchronization of **put** and **take** operations will be taken care of by the library — we don't have to worry about it.

Listing 72

QKI-BlockQ/BlockQ.java

```

1  import java.util.concurrent.ArrayBlockingQueue;
2  import java.util.concurrent.BlockingQueue;
3
4  public class BlockQ {
5      public static void main(String[] args) {
6          BlockingQueue<Integer> queue =
7              new ArrayBlockingQueue<>(10);
8          Cons c = new Cons(queue,0);
9          c.start();
10         Prod p1= new Prod(queue,10);
11         Prod p2= new Prod(queue,20);
12         p1.start();
13         p2.start();
14     }
15
16     static class Prod extends Thread {
17         private final BlockingQueue<Integer> queue;
18         private final int low;
19         Prod(BlockingQueue<Integer> queue, int low) {
20             this.queue = queue;
21             this.low = low;
22         }
23
24         @Override
25         public void run() {
26             for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {
27                 try {
28                     int d = low + (int)(10*Math.random());
29                     System.err.println("Try to put " + d);
30                     queue.put(d);
31                     System.err.println("        put " + d);
32                     sleep(500 + (int)(300*Math.random()));
33                 } catch (InterruptedException ignore) { }
34             }

```



```

35         try {
36             // poison pill
37             queue.put(-1);
38         } catch (InterruptedException ignore) { }
39     }
40 }
41
42 static class Cons extends Thread {
43     private final BlockingQueue<Integer> queue;
44     private final int poison;
45     Cons(BlockingQueue<Integer> queue, int poison) {
46         this.queue = queue;
47         this.poison = poison;
48     }
49
50     @Override
51     public void run() {
52         int pills = 0;
53         while (pills < 2) { // as there are 2 producers
54             try {
55                 System.err.println("taking");
56                 int d = queue.take();
57                 System.err.println(" taken " + d);
58                 if (d < poison) {
59                     System.out.println(
60                         "Poison pill received");
61                     ++pills;
62                 }
63                 sleep(700 + (int)(300*Math.random()));
64             } catch (InterruptedException ignore) { }
65         }
66     }
67 }
68 }

```

Another useful tool provided by the library is the **Timer** class. It allows to run a task (represented by an object of a class extending **TimerTask** with its method **run** overridden) repeatedly: we can set a frequency of running the task (or rather a period) and a delay before running it for the first time. This is illustrated in the program below. First, we create a timer which after 20 seconds will run once the **run** method on an object of an anonymous class extending **TimerTask** (what will stop the program). In a **JOptionPane** window, we display a mathematical puzzle and, using a **Timer**, run repeatedly a task displaying a message prompting the user for an answer and printing the time he/she has already spent on solving this puzzle.

```
1 import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
2 import java.util.Random;
3 import java.util.Timer;
4 import java.util.TimerTask;
5
6 public class TimerExample {
7     static int total    = 0,
8         correct = 0;
9
10    public static void main(String[] args) {
11        // will be run once only, 20 seconds from now
12        new Timer().schedule(new TimerTask() {
13            public void run() {
14                System.out.println(correct + "/" +
15                    total + " correct answers.");
16                System.exit(0);
17            }
18        }, 20*1000);
19        Random rand = new Random();
20        while (true) {
21            int a = rand.nextInt(10) + 1;
22            int b = rand.nextInt(10) + 1;
23            String oper = a + " x " + b + " is?";
24            int expected = a * b;
25            Timer timer = new Timer();
26            // 1 second delay and then every 2 seconds
27            timer.schedule(new Prompt(a,b),1000,2000);
28            String s = JOptionPane.showInputDialog(
29                null,oper,"Higher math drill",
30                JOptionPane.QUESTION_MESSAGE);
31            if (s == null) System.exit(1);
32            int ans = 0;
33            try {
34                ans = Integer.parseInt(s);
35            } catch (NumberFormatException e) {
36                timer.cancel();
37                continue;
38            }
39            ++total;
40            if (ans == expected) {
41                ++correct;
42                System.out.println("OK");
43            }
44            else
45                System.out.println("Wrong!!!");
46            timer.cancel();
47        }
48    }
```

```

49 }
50
51 class Prompt extends TimerTask {
52     private String oper;
53     long start = System.currentTimeMillis();
54
55     public Prompt(int a, int b) {
56         oper = a + " x " + b + " is so easy... ";
57     }
58
59     @Override
60     public void run() {
61         long time = System.currentTimeMillis() - start;
62         System.out.println(oper +
63             "you've been thinking for " +
64             (System.currentTimeMillis()-start) + " ms");
65     }
66 }

```

The last examples illustrate **Executors**: these are objects that accept tasks (in the form of object implementing **Runnable** or **Callable**) and then create threads and start them according to a specified policy. In the example below, the executor can accept any number of tasks, but will never execute more than four of them simultaneously:

Listing 74

QKJ-ThreadPool/ThreadPool.java

```

1  import java.util.concurrent.Executors;
2  import java.util.concurrent.ExecutorService;
3
4  public class ThreadPool extends Thread {
5
6      ExecutorService pool = null;
7
8      public static void main(String[] args) {
9          new ThreadPool().start();
10     }
11
12     ThreadPool() {
13         Runnable[] runs =
14             {
15                 new Fibo(40L), new Fibo(46L),
16                 new Fibo(41L), new Fibo(45L),
17                 new Fibo(42L), new Fibo(44L),
18                 new Fibo(43L), new Fibo(43L),
19                 new Fibo(47L), new Fibo(48L),
20                 new Fibo(44L), new Fibo(42L),
21                 new Fibo(45L), new Fibo(41L),
22                 new Fibo(36L), new Fibo(40L),
23             };

```

```

24         // pool for 3 concurrent threads
25         pool = Executors.newFixedThreadPool(2);
26
27         // submitting 16 threads...
28         for (Runnable r : runs)
29             pool.execute(r);
30
31         // no other threads will be added
32         pool.shutdown();
33         System.err.println("Shutdown executed");
34     }
35
36     public void run() {
37         while (!pool.isTerminated()) {
38             try {
39                 Thread.sleep(1000);
40             } catch (InterruptedException ignored) { }
41             System.err.println("Still running...");
42         }
43         System.err.println("All done");
44     }
45 }
46
47 class Fibo implements Runnable {
48
49     private final long arg;
50
51     Fibo(long n) {
52         arg = n;
53     }
54
55     static long fibon(long n) {
56         return (n < 2) ? n : fibon(n-2) + fibon(n-1);
57     }
58
59     @Override
60     public void run() {
61         System.err.println("Fibo(" + arg + ") starts");
62         long res = fibon(arg);
63         System.err.println("Fibo(" + arg + ") completed " +
64                             "with res = " + res);
65     }
66 }

```

Executors accept also tasks defined by object of classes implementing the functional **Callable** interface

```

interface Callable<V> {
    V call() throws Exception;
}

```

Unlike the **run** in a **Runnable**, the **call** method in **Callable** is allowed to throw an exception and, if there was no exception, returns a value. We can pass a callable to an executor by calling **submit** method which returns an object of type **Future<V>**. It represents the future result of the task, which we can get by calling the (blocking) method **get**. If the task has completed successfully, we will get the result. If an exception was thrown inside the **call** method, it will be caught, stored in the future object and rethrown when we call **get** in the form of an **ExecutionException** object (from which we can extract information about the original exception). There are also other useful methods of **Future** class, which allow to check without blocking if the task has been completed or to make an attempt to cancel the task.

In the example below, we use the **invokeAll** method of executors. It takes a collection of tasks, returns a list of **Futures** and blocks until all tasks are completed. We can then get the results from these **Futures**:

Listing 75

QLG-Futures/FuturesExample.java

```
1  import java.util.ArrayList;
2  import java.util.List;
3  import java.util.concurrent.Callable;
4  import java.util.concurrent.ExecutionException;
5  import java.util.concurrent.Executors;
6  import java.util.concurrent.ExecutorService;
7  import java.util.concurrent.Future;
8
9  class SingleTask implements Callable<Integer> {
10     Integer num;
11     public SingleTask(int n) {
12         num = n;
13     }
14     // do NOT handle exceptions here!
15     public Integer call() throws Exception {
16         Thread.sleep(3000);
17         if (num%3 == 0) throw new NumberFormatException();
18         return num;
19     }
20 }
21
22 public class FuturesExample {
23
24     public static int sum(ExecutorService exec,
25                          List<Callable<Integer>> tasks) {
26         List<Future<Integer>> results = null;
27         try {
28             System.out.println("...invoking all");
29             results = exec.invokeAll(tasks);
30         } catch (InterruptedException e) {
31             System.out.println("invokeAll failed");
32             System.exit(1);
33         }
34         exec.shutdown(); // will not wait for other tasks
```

```

35     System.out.println("Seem like done");
36
37     int sum = 0;
38     for (Future<Integer> r : results) {
39         try {
40             // get gets the result or rethrows
41             // exception thrown in the call
42             int nextint = r.get();
43             System.out.println(nextint + " added");
44             sum += nextint;
45         }
46         catch (InterruptedException e) {
47             System.err.println("Should not happen");
48             System.exit(1);
49         }
50         catch (ExecutionException e) {
51             System.err.println("** ExecutionException " +
52                 "caused by " + e.getCause());
53             System.err.println("** No value to add, " +
54                 "but continuing... ");
55         }
56     }
57     return sum;
58 }
59
60 public static void main(String[] args) {
61     List<Callable<Integer>> taskList =
62         new ArrayList<Callable<Integer>>();
63     ExecutorService exec =
64         Executors.newFixedThreadPool(10);
65     for (int i=1; i <=5; i++) {
66         Callable<Integer> task = new SingleTask(i);
67         taskList.add(task);
68     }
69     int result = sum(exec, taskList);
70     System.out.println("Result: " + result);
71 }
72 }

```

Finally, there is the **FutureTask** class, also representing a task — we pass a task to the constructor in the form of a **Callable** or **Runnable** object. The class has a useful protected method **done** which we can override and which will be called automatically when the task completes — either normally or by throwing an exception. Let us see an example:

Listing 76

QLF-Tasks/Tasks.java

```

1  import java.util.concurrent.Callable;
2  import java.util.concurrent.Executors;

```

```

3 import java.util.concurrent.ExecutorService;
4 import java.util.concurrent.FutureTask;
5 import java.util.concurrent.TimeUnit;
6
7 public class Tasks {
8     public static void main(String[] args) {
9         FutureTask<Long>[] fs = new MyFutureTask[]{
10             new MyFutureTask(new CallableFibo(43)),
11             new MyFutureTask(new CallableFibo(45)),
12             new MyFutureTask(new CallableFibo(-2)),
13             new MyFutureTask(new CallableFibo(47))
14         };
15         ExecutorService ex =
16             Executors.newFixedThreadPool(2);
17         for (FutureTask<Long> t : fs) ex.submit(t);
18         ex.shutdown();
19         try {
20             boolean term =
21                 ex.awaitTermination(10, TimeUnit.SECONDS);
22             if (term)
23                 System.err.println("All tasks completed");
24             else
25                 System.err.println(
26                     "Timeout: some tasks still running");
27         } catch (InterruptedException e) {
28             System.err.println("Main thread interrupted");
29         }
30     }
31 }
32
33 class MyFutureTask extends FutureTask<Long> {
34     public MyFutureTask(Callable<Long> c) {
35         super(c);
36     }
37     public void done() {
38         String mes = "DONE. ";
39         if (isCancelled()) mes += "Cancelled.";
40         else
41             try {
42                 mes += ("Result OK: " + get());
43             } catch (Exception e) {
44                 mes += ("Exception: " + e.getCause().toString());
45             }
46         System.err.println(mes);
47     }
48 };
49
50 class CallableFibo implements Callable<Long> {
51     long arg;
52     public CallableFibo(long arg) {

```

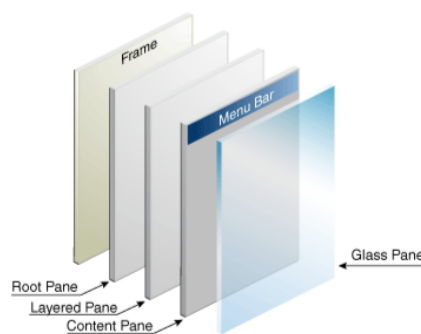
```
53     this.arg = arg;
54 }
55 public Long call() throws Exception {
56     return fibo(arg);
57 }
58 private long fibo(long n) {
59     if (n < 0)
60         throw new IllegalArgumentException("From fibo");
61     if (n <= 1) return n;
62     return fibo(n-1)+fibo(n-2);
63 }
64 }
```


GUI - introduction

9.1 Components and containers

Java provides relatively simple tools that can be used to build graphical user interfaces in a way independent of the user's platform. They are collected in two main packages, *javax.swing* and *java.awt* and their subpackages. Classes defined in these packages describe graphical components (the so called *widgets*, as, for example, windows, buttons, lists, menus, tables) and ways of interactions between the GUI and the user, e.g., by means of reacting to mouse movements and clicks or pressing keys on the keyboard. Generally, we work with GUI components according to the following rules:

- Graphical components are created, like any other Java objects, by using *new* and passing some information to constructors — this information determines properties of the components.
- Components have properties (texts appearing on them, fonts, colors, etc.) — they can be set in a constructor but usually can also be modified and examined dynamically at run time by *setters* (*setXXX*) and *getters* (*getXXX*, *isXXX*), where *XXX* is the name of a property (as *color*, *width*, etc.).
- Properties are described by values of primitive types (*int*, *double*) or by objects of classes (as *Font*, *Color*).
- Many components are also **containers**, i.e., we can add to them other components (also other containers).
- Swing windows contain the so called **ContentPane** which is the default container (layer) to which other components may be added. As a matter of fact, it contains many more, although used much less frequently, layers that also can contain components; on top of all layers there is a special layer — 'glass pane' (the picture from Oracle documentation)



- Graphical appearance of the components and their behavior are determined by *layout managers* associated with these components.
- Layout managers are object of special classes and they belong to the properties of components — they may be set for each component separately.
- Applications create one or more windows containing various visual components allowing the user to communicate with the running program.

- Hierarchy of components has as its root a window of the highest level; it is an object of class **JFrame**, but can be also a **JWindow**, **JApplet** or **JDialog** — these are the so called **heavy-weight components**.
- Communication between the user and the GUI is based on handling **events** (mouse clicks, pressing keys, etc.).
- Events are fetched from the operating system and organized in a queue of events managed by the special thread — the so called **event dispatch thread**).

Historically, the first graphical library in Java was AWT (*Abstract Windowing Toolkit*). Its capabilities were rather limited, many useful graphical components (for example, tables) were missing. Components were ‘heavyweight’ — implemented in terms of native components provided by a given platform (and, consequently, had different ‘look and feel’ on various platforms).

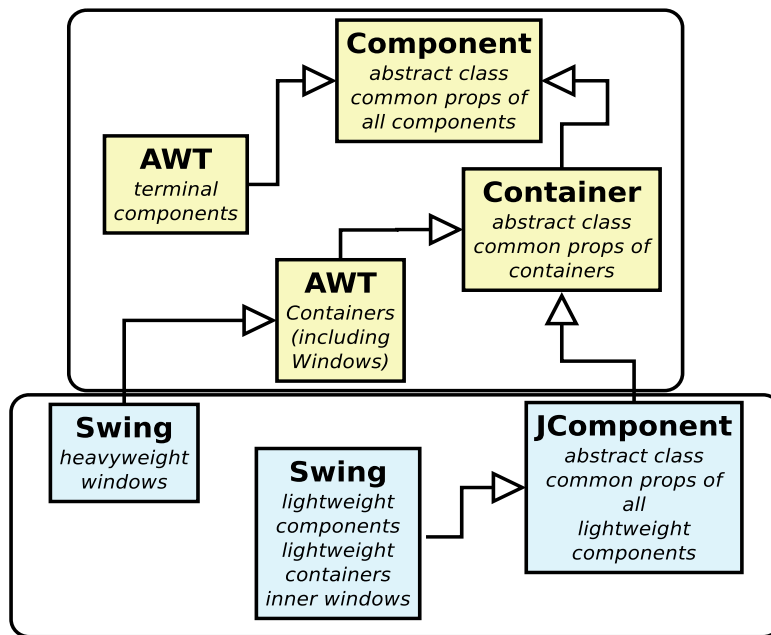
Later, on top of the AWT, a new library was created — the so called **Swing**; it is located in the package **javax.swing** and its subpackages. Swing is much richer than AWT, defines much more components with many useful features. Most of them are **lightweight**, i.e., they are implemented in pure Java without referring to native components of the operating system what implies that they *are* platform independent. There are only a few **heavyweight** components describing main windows of applications, inside which all other components are located. These heavyweight components *are* linked with the native graphical system of the operating system, what is understandable, since ultimately this is the window manager of the platform which is responsible for dealing with windows of all applications running at a given moment. The heavyweight components are **JFrame**, **JApplet**, **JDialog** and **JWindow**; we will mainly use **JFrame**.

9.2 Swing components

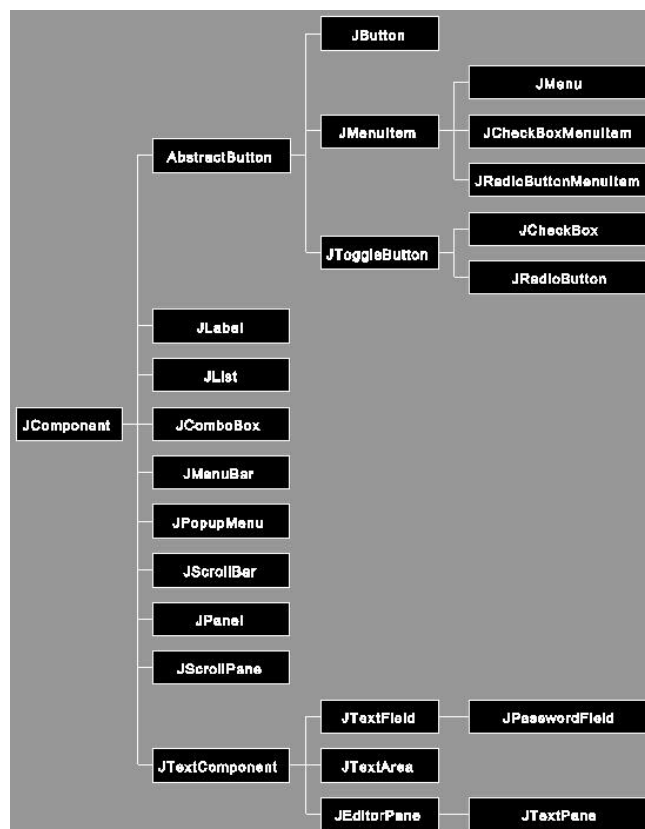
As we said, swing is built on top of the AWT library.

- All components and containers (of both AWT and swing) implement **Component** from **java.awt**; this interface declares many useful methods for setting and getting properties of all components and containers.
- All containers (both AWT and swing) implement **Container** from **java.awt**.
- **JComponent** determines common properties of all lightweight swing components.
- Specific properties and functionality of components are defined in classes of these components.
- Heavyweight swing containers are *not* **JComponents** — they inherit directly from AWT **Container**.

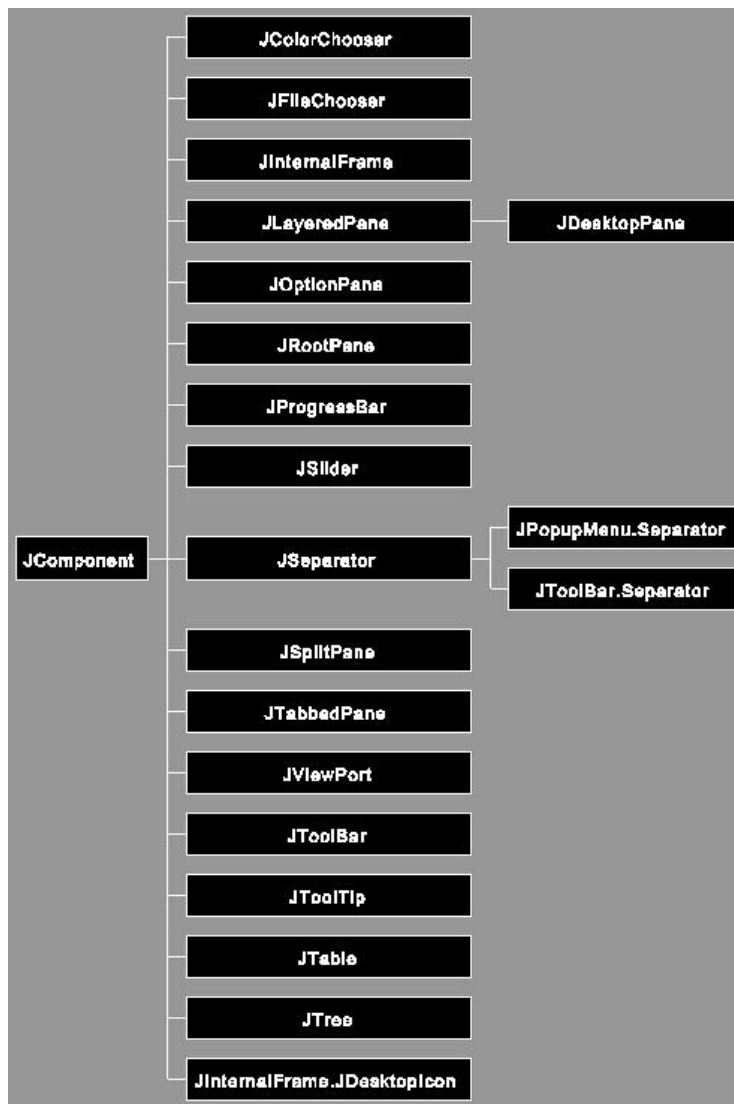
Therefore, the hierarchy looks like this:



The following picture presents **JComponents** from Swing that extend the corresponding widgets from AWT (from *Magellan Institute Swing Short Course*):



Swing provides much more components; many of them do not have their counterparts in AWT. They are presented in the following figure, also taken from *Magellan Institute Swing Short Course*). Some of them are very elaborated (and often not so easy to use), like **JTable**, **JTree** and some others, but generally it is not difficult to use them, at least on a basic level.



Let us briefly describe swing components and their functionality:

- Buttons: **JButton**, **JToggleButton**, **JCheckBox**, **JRadioButton** — may have a text and/or an icon with arbitrary positioning, with different text or icon for different states (enabled, disabled), mouse-over effects, may have borders, mnemonics and tips attached, may react to clicks with a mouse or programmatically and so on.
- Labels: **JLabel** — may have a text and/or an icon with arbitrary positioning, mnemonics, can be linked with another component so clicking its alt-mnemonic transfers the focus to the other component, etc.
- Menus: **JMenu**, **JMenuItem**, **JCheckBoxMenuItem**, **JRadioMenuItem** — have all properties of buttons. Additionally there are context menus: **JPopupMenu**.
- Sliders: **JSlider** — configurable range, description, icons etc.
- Color and file choosers: **JColorChooser**, **JFileChooser** — configurable widgets allowing the user to select colors or files (directories); may be embedded in other components.
- One-line editing widgets: **TextField**, **PasswordField**, **FormattedTextField** — entering texts, possible verification; special widget for entering sensitive data (without creating **String** objects).
- Multi-line text widget: **TextArea**, **EditorPane**, **TextPane** — editing multi-line texts with formatting, embedded graphics etc.

- Lists: **JList** — widget displaying a list of object; fully configurable and dynamic (reflecting modifications of the list at run time).
- Combo boxes: **JComboBox** — similar to **JList** but space-saving.
- Tables: **JTable** — extremely configurable representation of tables; columns of different types, custom rendering of cells and columns, sorting rows etc.
- Trees: **JTree** — configurable representation of data stored in the tree-like form.
- ‘Helper’ containers: **JPanel**, **JSplitPane**, **JTabbedPane**, **JScrollPane**, — allows the user to group and organize components in various configurable ways.
- Tool bars: **JToolBar** — configurable tool bars for easy launching various actions

Some of them are used in the example below (taken from the Oracle’s Swing Tutorial)

Listing 77

MBD-Demo/BasicDnD.java

```

1  /*
2   * Taken from:
3   * https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/uiswing/examples/
4   *      dnd/BasicDnDProject/src/dnd/BasicDnD.java
5   * Slightly modified to avoid some warnings
6   */
7  import java.awt.*;
8  import java.awt.event.*;
9  import java.awt.datatransfer.*;
10 import java.text.*;
11 import java.util.*;
12 import javax.swing.*;
13 import javax.swing.table.*;
14 import javax.swing.text.*;
15 import javax.swing.tree.*;
16
17 public class BasicDnD extends JPanel
18     implements ActionListener {
19     private static JFrame frame;
20     private JTextArea textArea;
21     private JTextField textField;
22     private JList<String> list;
23     private JTable table;
24     private JTree tree;
25     private JColorChooser colorChooser;
26     private JCheckBox toggleDnD;
27
28     public BasicDnD() {
29         super(new BorderLayout());
30         JPanel leftPanel = createVerticalBoxPanel();
31         JPanel rightPanel = createVerticalBoxPanel();
32
33         //Create a table model.
34         DefaultTableModel tm = new DefaultTableModel();
35         tm.addColumn("Column 0");
36         tm.addColumn("Column 1");

```

```

37     tm.addColumn("Column 2");
38     tm.addColumn("Column 3");
39     tm.addRow(new String[]{"Table 00", "Table 01",
40                             "Table 02", "Table 03"});
41     tm.addRow(new String[]{"Table 10", "Table 11",
42                             "Table 12", "Table 13"});
43     tm.addRow(new String[]{"Table 20", "Table 21",
44                             "Table 22", "Table 23"});
45     tm.addRow(new String[]{"Table 30", "Table 31",
46                             "Table 32", "Table 33"});
47
48     //LEFT COLUMN
49     //Use the table model to create a table.
50     table = new JTable(tm);
51     leftPanel.add(
52         createPanelForComponent(table, "JTable"));
53
54     //Create a color chooser.
55     colorChooser = new JColorChooser();
56     leftPanel.add(createPanelForComponent(
57         colorChooser, "JColorChooser"));
58
59     //RIGHT COLUMN
60     //Create a textfield.
61     textField = new JTextField(30);
62     textField.setText("Favorite foods:" +
63         "\nPizza, Moussaka, Pot roast");
64     rightPanel.add(createPanelForComponent(
65         textField, "JTextField"));
66
67     //Create a scrolled text area.
68     textArea = new JTextArea(5, 30);
69     textArea.setText("Favorite shows:" +
70         "\nBuffy, Alias, Angel");
71     JScrollPane scrollPane = new JScrollPane(textArea);
72     rightPanel.add(createPanelForComponent(
73         scrollPane, "JTextArea"));
74
75     //Create a list model and a list.
76     DefaultListModel<String> listModel =
77         new DefaultListModel<>();
78     listModel.addElement("Martha Washington");
79     listModel.addElement("Abigail Adams");
80     listModel.addElement("Martha Randolph");
81     listModel.addElement("Dolley Madison");
82     listModel.addElement("Elizabeth Monroe");
83     listModel.addElement("Louisa Adams");
84     listModel.addElement("Emily Donelson");
85     list = new JList<>(listModel);
86     list.setVisibleRowCount(-1);

```

```

87     list.getSelectionModel().setSelectionMode(
88         ListSelectionModel.
89             MULTIPLE_INTERVAL_SELECTION);
90
91     list.setTransferHandler(new TransferHandler() {
92         public boolean canImport(
93             TransferHandler.TransferSupport info) {
94             // we only import Strings
95             if (!info.isDataFlavorSupported(
96                 DataFlavor.stringFlavor)) {
97                 return false;
98             }
99
100             JList.DropLocation dl = (JList.DropLocation)
101                 info.getDropLocation();
102             if (dl.getIndex() == -1) {
103                 return false;
104             }
105             return true;
106         }
107
108         public boolean importData(
109             TransferHandler.TransferSupport info) {
110             if (!info.isDrop()) {
111                 return false;
112             }
113
114             // Check for String flavor
115             if (!info.isDataFlavorSupported(
116                 DataFlavor.stringFlavor)) {
117                 displayDropLocation(
118                     "List doesn't accept a " +
119                     "drop of this type.");
120                 return false;
121             }
122             JList.DropLocation dl = (JList.DropLocation)
123                 info.getDropLocation();
124             DefaultListModel<String> listModel =
125                 (DefaultListModel<String>)
126                 list.getModel();
127             int ind = dl.getIndex();
128             boolean insert = dl.isInsert();
129             // Get the current string under the drop.
130             String value = listModel.getElementAt(ind);
131
132             // Get the string that is being dropped.
133             Transferable t = info.getTransferable();
134             String data;
135             try {
136                 data = (String)t.getTransferData(

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```

137         DataFlavor.stringFlavor);
138     }
139     catch (Exception e) { return false; }
140
141     // Display a dialog with drop information.
142     String dropValue = "\"" +
143         data + "\" dropped ";
144     if (dl.isInsert()) {
145         if (dl.getIndex() == 0) {
146             displayDropLocation(dropValue +
147                 "at beginning of list");
148         } else if (dl.getIndex() >=
149             list.getModel().getSize()) {
150             displayDropLocation(
151                 dropValue +
152                 "at end of list");
153         } else {
154             String value1 =
155                 list.getModel()
156                     .getElementAt(dl.getIndex() - 1);
157             String value2 = list.getModel()
158                 .getElementAt(dl
159                     .getIndex());
160             displayDropLocation(dropValue +
161                 "between \"" + value1 +
162                 "\" and \"" + value2 +
163                 "\"");
164         }
165     } else {
166         displayDropLocation(dropValue +
167             "on top of " + "\"" +
168             value + "\"");
169     }
170     return false;
171 }
172
173 public int getSourceActions(JComponent c) {
174     return COPY;
175 }
176
177 @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
178 protected Transferable createTransferable(
179     JComponent c) {
180     JList<String> list = (JList<String>)c;
181     Object[] values =
182         list.getSelectedValuesList().toArray();
183
184     StringBuffer buff = new StringBuffer();
185
186     for (int i = 0; i < values.length; i++) {

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```

187         Object val = values[i];
188         buff.append(val == null
189             ? ""
190             : val.toString());
191         if (i != values.length - 1) {
192             buff.append("\n");
193         }
194     }
195     return new StringSelection(buff.toString());
196 }
197 });
198 list.setDropMode(DropMode.ON_OR_INSERT);
199
200 JScrollPane listView = new JScrollPane(list);
201 listView.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300, 100));
202 rightPanel.add(createPanelForComponent(listView,
203     "JList"));
204
205 //Create a tree.
206 DefaultMutableTreeNode rootNode =
207     new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Mia Familia");
208 DefaultMutableTreeNode sharon =
209     new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Sharon");
210 rootNode.add(sharon);
211 DefaultMutableTreeNode maya =
212     new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Maya");
213 sharon.add(maya);
214 DefaultMutableTreeNode anya =
215     new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Anya");
216 sharon.add(anya);
217 sharon.add(new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Bongo"));
218 maya.add(new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Muffin"));
219 anya.add(new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Winky"));
220 DefaultTreeModel model =
221     new DefaultTreeModel(rootNode);
222 tree = new JTree(model);
223 tree.getSelectionModel().setSelectionMode
224     (TreeSelectionMode
225         .DISCONTIGUOUS_TREE_SELECTION);
226 JScrollPane treeView = new JScrollPane(tree);
227 treeView.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300, 100));
228 rightPanel.add(createPanelForComponent(treeView,
229     "JTree"));
230
231 //Create the toggle button.
232 toggleDnD = new JCheckBox("Turn on Drag and Drop");
233 toggleDnD.setActionCommand("toggleDnD");
234 toggleDnD.addActionListener(this);
235
236 JSplitPane splitPane = new JSplitPane(

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237         JSplitPane.HORIZONTAL_SPLIT,
238         leftPanel, rightPanel);
239     splitPane.setOneTouchExpandable(true);
240
241     add(splitPane, BorderLayout.CENTER);
242     add(toggleDnD, BorderLayout.PAGE_END);
243     setBorder(BorderFactory.createEmptyBorder(5,5,5,5));
244 }
245
246 protected JPanel createVerticalBoxPanel() {
247     JPanel p = new JPanel();
248     p.setLayout(new BoxLayout(p, BoxLayout.PAGE_AXIS));
249     p.setBorder(BorderFactory
250         .createEmptyBorder(5,5,5,5));
251     return p;
252 }
253
254 public JPanel createPanelForComponent(JComponent comp,
255                                     String title) {
256     JPanel panel = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());
257     panel.add(comp, BorderLayout.CENTER);
258     if (title != null) {
259         panel.setBorder(
260             BorderFactory.createTitledBorder(title));
261     }
262     return panel;
263 }
264
265 private void displayDropLocation(final String string) {
266     SwingUtilities.invokeLater(new Runnable() {
267         public void run() {
268             JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, string);
269         }
270     });
271 }
272
273 public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
274     if ("toggleDnD".equals(e.getActionCommand())) {
275         boolean toggle = toggleDnD.isSelected();
276         textArea.setDragEnabled(toggle);
277         textField.setDragEnabled(toggle);
278         list.setDragEnabled(toggle);
279         table.setDragEnabled(toggle);
280         tree.setDragEnabled(toggle);
281         colorChooser.setDragEnabled(toggle);
282     }
283 }
284
285 private static void createAndShowGUI() {
286     frame = new JFrame("BasicDnD");

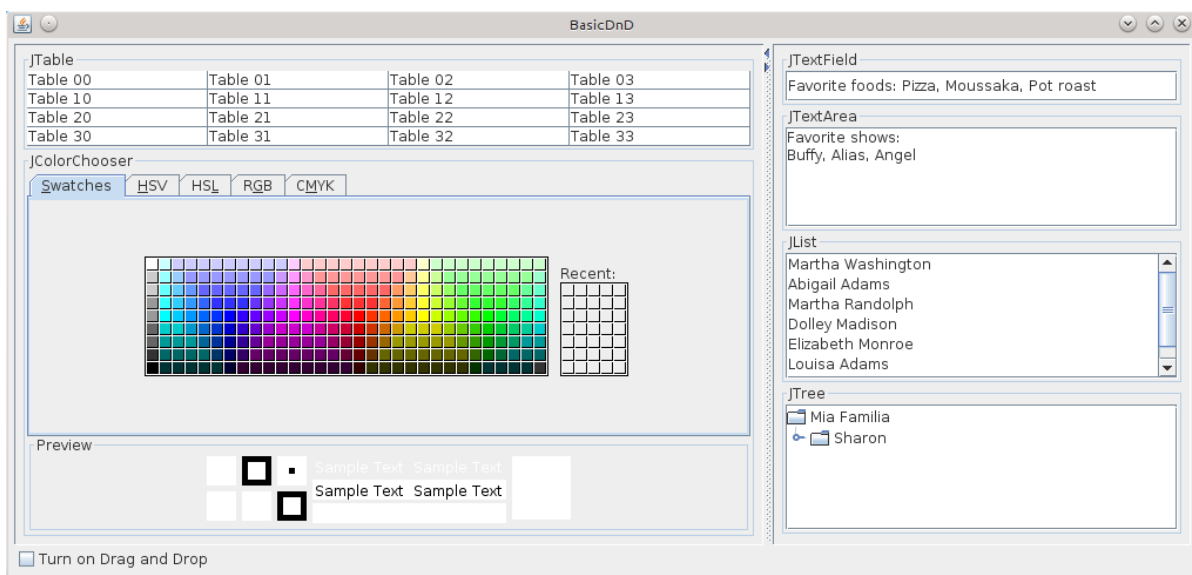
```

```

287     frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(
288         JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
289
290     JComponent newContentPane = new BasicDnD();
291     newContentPane.setOpaque(true);
292     frame.setContentPane(newContentPane);
293
294     frame.pack();
295     frame.setVisible(true);
296 }
297
298 public static void main(String[] args) {
299     javax.swing.SwingUtilities.invokeLater(
300         new Runnable() {
301             public void run() {
302                 UIManager.put("swing.boldMetal",
303                     Boolean.FALSE);
304                 createAndShowGUI();
305             }
306         });
307 }
308 }

```

which produces



All components are ultimately derived from the abstract class **Component** which defines many methods common for all components. These are mainly getters and setters for properties, such as sizes, colors etc. They are named according to the following convention: for property **prop** the getter is named **getProp** while the setter will be **setProp**. If a property is of logical type (**true** or **false**), then instead of **getProp**, we rather use **isProp**.

Let us mention some of these properties:

- **size** — determined by an object of type **Dimension** (from *java.awt*) with fields describing width and height (**getWidth**, **getHeight**);
- **minimumSize**, **maximumSize**, **preferredSize** — determined by an object of type **Dimension** and taken into account by layout managers (not always, though);
- **width** — width of the component;
- **height** — height of the component;
- **bounds** — determined by an object of type **Rectangle** (from *java.awt*) with fields describing coordinates *x* and *y* of the upper-left corner and width and height of the component;
- **location** — determined by an object of type **Point** (from *java.awt*) with fields describing coordinates *x* and *y* of the upper-left corner of the component;
- **alignmentX**, **alignmentY** — determined by a **float**; indicates alignment along the axes;
- **font** — determined by an object of type **Font** from *java.awt* (see below);
- **background**, **foreground** — determined by objects of type **Color** from *java.awt* (see below);
- **parent** — a **Container** which contains a given component (read only);
- **name** — the name of this component; if not set, the system will provide a default one;
- **visible** — boolean value indicating if the component is visible;
- **lightweight** — boolean value indicating if this component is lightweight;
- **opaque** — boolean value indicating if this component is opaque;
- **enabled** — boolean value indicating if this component can react to events (as, for example, mouse clicks).

One has to remember that all sizes of components are not known until they are ‘realized’ — this usually happens when methods **setSize** or **pack** or **setVisible** is called on the frame window.

Coordinates of components are always expressed in the coordinate system where the point (0,0) corresponds to the upper-left corner; *x*-coordinate goes from left to right, while *y*-coordinate goes *downwards* (*sic!*).

Locations and sizes of components inside a container are normally calculated by a layout manager — we can suggest our preferences by setting them ‘by hand’, but that is only a suggestion... However, we *can* set the size of the main frame window by invoking, e.g., **frame.setSize(200, 200)** on it. The sizes of all components inside it will then be determined by a layout manager. Or, we can pack the main window (**frame.pack()**) and its size will be determined by its contents.

Fonts are specified by objects of type **Font** (from *java.awt*); its main constructor takes three arguments

```
new Font(String name, int style, int size)
```

where

- **name** is the font name (case insensitive). However, specifying a concrete font name may be a little bit risky, because we don’t know if such a font is available on the user’s system. Therefore, we can only specify a generic (logical) name of the font we want — there are five such names: **Dialog**, **DialogInput**, **Monospaced**, **SansSerif** and **Serif**. The most appropriate font from those installed on a given system will then be selected.

- `style` is a static final integer defined in class **Font**: `Font.PLAIN`, `Font.BOLD` or `Font.ITALIC`. They can be “OR’ed”, e.g. `Font.BOLD | Font.ITALIC`.
- `size` is an integer specifying the size (in points, where point is 1/72 of an inch).

Colors are described by objects of class **Color** (from *java.awt*). The main constructor takes three integers specifying red, green and blue components (or four integers, with transparency, the so called α -channel, added). They all should have values from the range $[0, 255]$. We can create such object like this:

```
new Color(255,33,33)
```

However, the most popular colors are already defined as static fields of class **Color** that are themselves objects of this class: these are `BLACK`, `BLUE`, `CYAN`, `DARK_GRAY`, `GRAY`, `GREEN`, `LIGHT_GRAY`, `MAGENTA`, `ORANGE`, `PINK`, `RED`, `WHITE`, and `YELLOW`.

Components can react to events like mouse clicks or pressing a key when they have the focus. This feature can be dynamically disabled or enabled (by invoking `comp.setEnabled(false)` or `comp.setEnabled(true)`).

9.3 Swing program

Let us now consider a very simple example:

Listing 78 MBC>HelloG/HelloWorldG.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Font;
3  import javax.swing.JFrame;
4  import javax.swing.JLabel;
5
6  public class HelloWorldG {
7      public static void main(String[] args) {
8          //
9          // Should be on the EDT!
10         //
11         JFrame fr = new JFrame("HELLO");
12         fr.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
13
14         JLabel label = new JLabel("Hello, World");
15         // all properties have reasonable defaults, but...
16         label.setFont(new Font("Serif",Font.BOLD,70));
17         label.setBackground(Color.ORANGE);
18         label.setOpaque(true);
19         label.setForeground(new Color(0,0,102));
20
21         fr.add(label); // frame.getContentPane().add(label)
22
23         fr.pack();
24         // fr.setSize(600,400);
25         fr.setLocationRelativeTo(null);

```

```

26         fr.setVisible(true);
27     }
28 }

```

which displays



Main points to notice here

- `fr` represents the frame window: it is a heavyweight container of type **JFrame** into which we will put all components.
- By invoking **setDefaultCloseOperation** we specify what will happen when the window is closed. This is determined by an integer (it should be an enum...) defined in class **JFrame** (strictly speaking inherited by implementing the interface **WindowConstants**): `EXIT_ON_CLOSE`, `DISPOSE_ON_CLOSE`, `DO_NOTHING_ON_CLOSE` or `HIDE_ON_CLOSE`.
- Components may be created in any order; when created, they are just objects in memory, not related to other objects.
- Each existing object can be configured separately (color, font, etc.).
- To put one component into another, we use **add** on the parent component, passing a child component as the argument.
- Exact sizes of all components are unspecified until **pack** (or **setSize**) is invoked on the main window. At this moment, all sizes are calculated and components are arranged inside the frame window (normally this is performed by a layout manager).
- In order to make the window with its contents visible on the screen, we have to call **setVisible** on it.

9.4 Delegation Event model

Normally, we want our GUI to be responsive — we would like something to happen, for example, when the user clicks the mouse on a button visible on the screen. For this to be possible, any Swing application has to ‘listen’ to events generated by the system: mouse clicks or moves, key presses, etc. These events are provided by the operating system and can be intercepted by the JVM, which wraps them into objects of a type derived from **EventObject** and enqueues them on a special FIFO queue for the **Event-Dispatch Thread** (EDT) to process. When the time comes, the EDT pops them from the queue and passes them to listeners.

Events are handled by invoking call-back methods on objects which have been registered as **listeners** of events originating from a given source (e.g., a graphical component, like a button) and of a specified type.

In order to handle events, we need

- a source of events; this can be a graphical component of our GUI or an object representing some data structure. The source holds a collection of its ‘listeners’.
- a way to add (and remove) listeners of events of a specified type and taking place on a given source;
- listeners — objects of classes implementing an appropriate interface and therefore providing definitions of its abstract methods; these methods will be invoked by source objects on listeners as a reaction to an event.

The scheme as described above is called the **delegation event model**.

To one source, we can attach many listeners, and the other way around: one listener can be attached to many sources. In order to delegate a listener as a handler of events, we usually invoke a special method

```
source.addXXXListener(listener);
```

where XXX specifies the type of events we are interested in; it can be, for example, `Action`, `Mouse`, `MouseMotion`, `Key` etc. The reference `source` refers to an object that has the ability to fire events of the specified type. As the argument, we pass an object which can handle events of the given type: its class has to implement a special interface which declares (as abstract methods) actions that are to be executed after an event of the given type occurred on the given source. Event-handling methods are **public void** and they accept one argument: an object which carries information on the event, as, for example, the source of the event, time of occurrence, and other properties depending on the type of this particular event.

To avoid conflicts, the EDT should be the *only* thread which directly interacts (and therefore can modify) the GUI: it is very important to remember that after the EDT has been started

(almost) all operations modifying the GUI should be executed on the event dispatch thread.

As the standard doesn’t state clearly when exactly the EDT is launched, it is recommended to perform *all* operations on Swing components, even before displaying them on the screen, on the EDT. We can do it by invoking the static method **invokeLater(Runnable)** from class **SwingUtilities** (or **EventQueue**). The method takes a **Runnable** and the operations we want to perform have to be contained in its **run** method: we can do it by passing an object of our own class implementing **Runnable**, or an object of an anonymous class, or a lambda, because **Runnable**, having only one abstract method **run**, is a functional interface:

```
SwingUtilities.invokeLater(new MyRunnable(...));
```

```
SwingUtilities.invokeLater(new Runnable() {
    @Override
    public void run() {
        // ...
    }
});
```

```
SwingUtilities.invokeLater( () -> {
    // ...
});
```


Our **Runnable** will be wrapped in an object representing an event and inserted into the event queue, from where it will be popped and executed *on the EDT*.

Let us consider an example:

Listing 79

MBH-Events/Events.java

```
1  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
2  import javax.swing.JButton;
3  import javax.swing.JFrame;
4  import javax.swing.JPanel;
5  import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
6
7  public class Events {
8      public static void main(String[] args) {
9          SwingUtilities.invokeLater( () -> createGUI() );
10     }
11     private static void createGUI() {
12         JFrame f = new JFrame("Events");
13         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
14
15         // these will be sources
16         JButton b1 = new JButton("Button one");
17         JButton b2 = new JButton("Button two");
18         JButton ex = new JButton("EXIT");
19
20         // listener (as a lambda) implementing
21         // public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent)
22         ActionListener lis = e -> {
23             String s = ((JButton)e.getSource()).getText();
24             System.out.println(s + " clicked");
25         };
26
27         // registering one listener with two buttons
28         b1.addActionListener(lis);
29         b2.addActionListener(lis);
30         // registering listener of 'exit' button
31         ex.addActionListener(e -> System.exit(0));
32
33         JPanel p = new JPanel();
34         // adding buttons to the panel
35         p.add(b1);
36         p.add(b2);
37         p.add(ex);
38         // adding panel to the frame
39         f.add(p);
40         // now all sizes will be calculated;
41         // do not add anything after packing!
42         f.pack();
43         // the window will be centered on the screen
44         f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
```



```

45     // show the window
46     f.setVisible(true);
47 }
48 }

```

which displays a simple GUI



reacting to clicks on the buttons.

9.5 Layouts

Each container has, associated with it, a layout manager which is responsible for arranging components contained in the container — initially and also after resizing it. The managers are objects of classes implementing the interface **LayoutManager** from *java.awt*. They can (but do not have to) take into account sizes suggested by the user who may invoke, on any component, methods **setPreferredSize**, **setMaximumSize** and **setMinimumSize** passing an object of class **Dimension** (with only two fields: width and height).

It can happen that sizes and locations of components in a given container change or a new child components is added: in such situation calling **revalidate** may help (if not, try also **repaint**). Also, calling **pack** on the parent window will recalculate all sizes and locations of the child components.

On any container, we can invoke **setLayout** passing an object representing a layout manager. There are five main layout managers that we can use. In fact there are more, but others are harder to use; they are extensively used by graphical tools which automate the process of building the GUI. However, the five basic managers that we will present are quite sufficient in vast majority of cases and are easy to use in programs written ‘by hand’.

9.5.1 FlowLayout

Components added to a container (by invoking **add(component)** on it) will be arranged in one row, from left to right; if there is no room for a component in the current row, the second row will be added, and so on. The **FlowLayout** class has three constructors:

- **FlowLayout(int align, int hgap, int vgap)** — the first argument determines the alignment; it is an integer constant from class **FlowLayout**: **LEFT**, **CENTER** (the default) or **RIGHT**. The other two integers specify horizontal and vertical (if there is more than one row) gaps between components, and also gaps between the components and the borders;

- `FlowLayout(int align)` — equivalent to `FlowLayout(align, 5, 5)`;
- `FlowLayout()` — equivalent to `FlowLayout(CENTER, 5, 5)`.

A simple example:

Listing 80

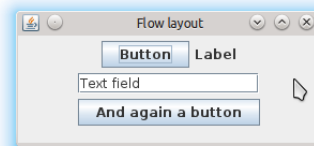
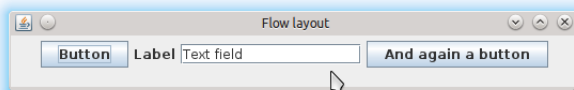
MBI-Flow/FlowEx.java

```

1  import java.awt.FlowLayout;
2  import javax.swing.JButton;
3  import javax.swing.JFrame;
4  import javax.swing.JLabel;
5  import javax.swing.JTextField;
6  import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
7
8  public class FlowEx extends JFrame {
9      public static void main (String[] args) {
10         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> new FlowEx());
11     }
12     FlowEx() {
13         super("Flow layout");
14         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
15         setLayout(new FlowLayout());
16         add(new JButton("Button"));
17         add(new JLabel("Label"));
18         add(new JTextField("Text field", 15));
19         add(new JButton("And again a button"));
20         pack();
21         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
22         setVisible(true);
23     }
24 }

```

displaying, depending on the width of the window, the components in one or more rows



9.5.2 GridLayout

In this layout, components will be added to a grid of rectangular cells of the same size (in the order row by row, in each row from left to right). The class `GridLayout` has three constructors:

- `GridLayout(int rows, int cols, int hgap, int vgap)` — the grid will have `rows` rows and `cols` columns with the specified horizontal and vertical gaps in-between. One (but not both), of `rows` and `cols` can be zero, which means ‘as many as needed’;

- `GridLayout(int rows, int cols)` — equivalent to `GridLayout(rows, cols, 0, 0);`
- `GridLayout()` — equivalent to `GridLayout(1, 0, 0, 0)` — all components will be added to one row (but they will be of equal sizes).

An example:

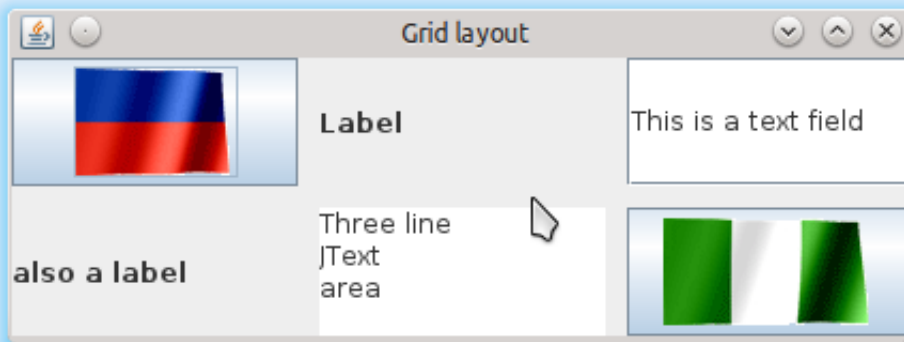
Listing 81

MBJ-Grid/GridEx.java

```

1  import java.awt.GridLayout;
2  import javax.swing.ImageIcon;
3  import javax.swing.JButton;
4  import javax.swing.JFrame;
5  import javax.swing.JLabel;
6  import javax.swing.JTextArea;
7  import javax.swing.JTextField;
8  import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
9
10 public class GridEx extends JFrame {
11     public static void main (String[] args) {
12         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> new GridEx());
13     }
14     GridEx() {
15         super("Grid layout");
16         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
17         setLayout(new GridLayout(2, 3, 10, 10));
18         add(new JButton(new ImageIcon("haiti.gif")));
19         add(new JLabel("Label"));
20         add(new JTextField("This is a text field"));
21         add(new JLabel("also a label"));
22         add(new JTextArea("Three line\nJText\narea", 3, 10));
23         add(new JButton(new ImageIcon("nigeria.gif")));
24         pack();
25         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
26         setVisible(true);
27     }
28 }
```

displays



9.5.3 BorderLayout

A container with this layout is divided into five areas: NORTH, SOUTH, WEST, EAST and CENTER (corresponding to integer constants in the class `GridLayout` with these names). We add components by calling `add(component, where)`, where `where` is one of the constants just mentioned, or `CENTER` if not specified. Each area can hold only one component, but this component may contain inside it other components. The class `BorderLayout` has only two constructors:

- `BorderLayout(int hgap, int vgap)` — the arguments specify horizontal and vertical gaps between components;
- `BorderLayout()` — equivalent to `BorderLayout(0, 0)`.

When a container with the border layout is resized, the *height* of the NORTH and SOUTH areas are kept constant, while for WEST and EAST their *width* is constant. The CENTER area is scaled in both directions and ‘swallows’ all empty areas.

This is illustrated in the example below:

Listing 82

MBG-BrdLay/BorderLayoutEx.java

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Color;
3  import java.awt.Dimension;
4  import java.awt.FlowLayout;
5  import javax.swing.JButton;
6  import javax.swing.JFrame;
7  import javax.swing.JPanel;
8
9  public class BorderLayoutEx extends JFrame {
10     public static void main (String[] args) {
11         new BorderLayoutEx("BorderLayout example");
12     }
13     BorderLayoutEx(String title) {
14         super(title);
15         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
16         setLayout(new BorderLayout());
17         JPanel north = new JPanel();
18         north.setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.CENTER));

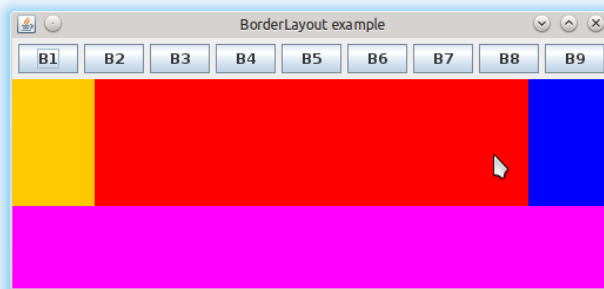
```

```

19     for (int i = 1; i <= 9; ++i)
20         north.add(new JButton("B" + i));
21     add(north, BorderLayout.NORTH);
22     add(getPanel(Color.RED),    BorderLayout.CENTER);
23     add(getPanel(Color.MAGENTA), BorderLayout.SOUTH);
24     add(getPanel(Color.ORANGE), BorderLayout.WEST);
25     add(getPanel(Color.BLUE),   BorderLayout.EAST);
26     pack();
27     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
28     setVisible(true);
29 }
30 JPanel getPanel(Color c) {
31     JPanel p = new JPanel();
32     p.setBackground(c);
33     p.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(70, 70));
34     return p;
35 }
36 }

```

The program displays



Note that when resizing the window, heights of northern and southern areas do not change and the same applies to widths of west and east areas — the center area consumes all available space.

Note also that you can send only one component to each of the five regions. This is not a problem, however, as you can, as we did in the example above, collect several components in one (very often a **JPanel**) and send it as single component.

9.5.4 Box layout

The box layout arranges components in one row or one column. Unlike **GridLayout**, it takes into account the preferred, minimum and maximum sizes of the components, as well as its X- or Y- alignments. In order to set the box layout for a component `comp`, we call

```

comp.setLayout(new BoxLayout(comp, BoxLayout.X_AXIS); // horizontal
comp.setLayout(new BoxLayout(comp, BoxLayout.Y_AXIS); // vertical

```

and to set its alignment

```

comp.setAlignmentX(align);
comp.setAlignmentY(align);

```

where **align** is of type **float** and may assume, for X-alignment, three values predefined as constants in class **Component**: **LEFT_ALIGNMENT** (0.0), **CENTER_ALIGNMENT** (0.5) and **RIGHT_ALIGNMENT** (1.0); for Y-alignment these are **TOP_ALIGNMENT** (0.0), **CENTER_ALIGNMENT** (0.5) and **BOTTOM_ALIGNMENT** (1.0). Components will be arranged in the order they have been added to a container (left to right or top to bottom). One can also add special ‘filling’ components between, below or above them (leftmost and rightmost area for horizontal boxes). One of these ‘fillers’ is a rigid area which can be added by invoking

```
comp.add(Box.createRigidArea(new Dimension(x,y)));
```

It represents fixed-sized gap between components: it will not change its size when the window is resized. On the other hand, one can add a ‘glue’ components which will all shrink or expand in the same way when resizing the window.

```
comp.add(Box.createGlue());
```

Let us see an example:

Listing 83

MCQ-BoxLay/Boxes.java

```
1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Component;
3  import java.awt.Dimension;
4  import java.awt.GridLayout;
5  import javax.swing.Box;
6  import javax.swing.BoxLayout;
7  import javax.swing.JButton;
8  import javax.swing.JFrame;
9  import javax.swing.JLabel;
10 import javax.swing.JPanel;
11 import static java.awt.Component.LEFT_ALIGNMENT;
12 import static java.awt.Component.CENTER_ALIGNMENT;
13
14 public class Boxes extends JFrame {
15     public static void main (String[] args) {
16         new Boxes();
17     }
18     private Boxes() {
19         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
20         setLayout(new GridLayout(1,0,10,5));
21         add(new MyBox(0));
22         add(new MyBox(1));
23         add(new MyBox(2));
24         add(new MyBox(3));
25         add(new MyBox(4));
26         pack();
27         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
28         setVisible(true);
29     }
30 }
31
```

```

32 class MyBox extends JPanel {
33     private static final Color rebecca =
34         new Color(0x66,0x33,0x99);
35     private static final Color lfore = Color.RED;
36     private static final Color lback =
37         new Color(0xFF,0xFA,0xCD);
38     private static final int xsize = 110, ysize = 200;
39     private static final float[] align =
40         {LEFT_ALIGNMENT, RIGHT_ALIGNMENT, CENTER_ALIGNMENT,
41          CENTER_ALIGNMENT, CENTER_ALIGNMENT};
42     private static final Dimension rig =
43         new Dimension(0,ysize/12);
44     String small = "Sue", medium = "Alice", big = "Rebecca";
45
46     MyBox(int num) {
47         setLayout(new BoxLayout(this, BoxLayout.Y_AXIS));
48         setPreferredSize(new Dimension(xsize,ysize));
49         setBackground(rebecca);
50
51         // before the small button
52         switch (num) {
53             case 0:                                     break;
54             case 1:                                     break;
55             case 2: add(Box.createRigidArea(rig)); break;
56             case 3: add(Box.createGlue());             break;
57             case 4:                                     break;
58         }
59
60         add(addButton(small, num));
61
62         // between the small and medium buttons
63         switch (num) {
64             case 0:                                     break;
65             case 1: add(Box.createRigidArea(rig)); break;
66             case 2:                                     break;
67             case 3: add(Box.createGlue());             break;
68             case 4:                                     break;
69         }
70
71         add(addButton(medium, num));
72
73         // between the medium and big buttons
74         switch (num) {
75             case 0:                                     break;
76             case 1: add(Box.createRigidArea(rig)); break;
77             case 2: add(Box.createGlue());             break;
78             case 3: add(Box.createRigidArea(rig)); break;
79             case 4:                                     break;
80         }
81

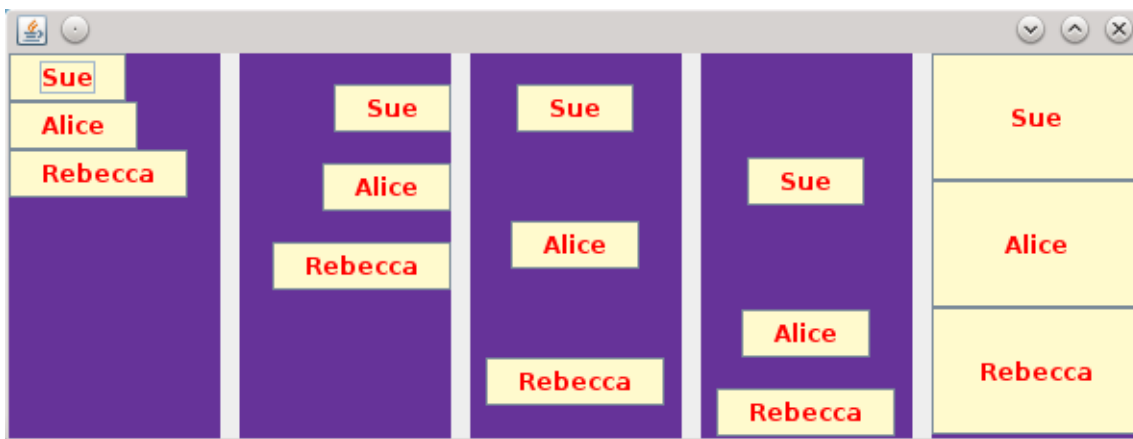
```

```

82         add(addButton(big, num));
83
84         // after the big button
85         switch (num) {
86             case 0:
87             case 1:                                     break;
88             case 2: add(Box.createRigidArea(rig)); break;
89             case 3:
90             case 4:                                     break;
91         }
92     }
93
94     private JButton addButton(String txt, int num) {
95         JButton but = new JButton(txt);
96         but.setForeground(lfore);
97         but.setBackground(lback);
98         but.setOpaque(true);
99         but.setAlignmentX(align[num]);
100        if (num == 4)
101            but.setMaximumSize(new Dimension(xsize,ysize));
102        return but;
103    }
104 }

```

The program displays



Notice, that if the maximum size is not defined or is sufficiently big, the component will occupy the whole available area (see the last column in the figure above).

9.5.5 GridBagLayout

Layout of type **GridBagLayout**, as those of type **GridLayout**, divide the area of the component with this layout into rectangular grid of cells. However, unlike **GridLayout**, it allows to put components into subareas consisting of a rectangular set of neighbouring cells.

Suppose `comp` is a component with **GridBagLayout** installed:

```
comp.setLayout(new GridBagLayout());
```


To add a component into `comp`, we need an object of type **GridBagConstraints** which carries information where and how this component is to be added. So we create object of type **GridBagConstraints**, configure it, and then we pass this object when adding components to `comp`:

```
comp.setLayout(new GridBagLayout);
GridBagConstraints cnstr = new GridBagConstraints();
    // configuring cnstr
comp.add(anotherComponent, cnstr);
```

Objects of type **GridBagConstraints** expose several public, modifiable fields, so configuring them consists of a series of assignments. For example

```
GridBagConstraints c = new GridBagConstraints();
c.fill = GridBagConstraints.BOTH;
c.gridx = 0;
c.gridy = 1;
c.weightx = 0.5; // important when resizing
c.weighty = 0.5;
c.gridheight = 2;
// ...
```

Some of the most important fields that we can set are:

- `gridx`, `gridy` — specify the x- and y-coordinates of the upper-left cell of the component's display area; coordinates are counted from zero to the right for x-coordinate and downwards for y-coordinate.
- `gridwidth`, `gridheight` — specifies the number of columns (`gridwidth`) and rows (`gridheight`) in the component's display area. The default values are 1, what corresponds to one cell at position specified by `gridx` and `gridy`. One can use `GridBagConstraints.REMAINDER` to specify that the component's display area will be from `gridx` to the last cell in the row (for `gridwidth`) or from `gridy` to the last cell in the column (for `gridheight`).
- `fill` — will be used if the component's display area (a cell or rectangular group of cells) is larger than the component's size. Possible values are defined in **GridBagConstraints** as constants `NONE` (leave the size of the components as is, the default), `HORIZONTAL` (the component is resized to fill its display area horizontally), `VERTICAL` (the component fills its display area vertically) and `BOTH` (the component fills its display area in both directions).
- `ipadx`, `ipady` — specify the padding around the component (in pixels). By setting non-zero values, we can make some cells larger; remember, however, that all cells of one row have always the same height and all cells in one column have the same width — setting non-zero padding for one cell, therefore, affects widths and heights of other cells.
- `weightx`, `weighty` — determine how to distribute space occupied by rows and columns when the whole grid is resized. If the values are 0 (which is the default), the grid will not be rescaled, but will be displayed in the center of the surrounding component. The values of this fields are of type **double** and lie in the range [0, 1]. Their ratios determine how rows and columns are scaled. Larger values indicate that the component's row (or column) should get more space when resizing. For each column, its (horizontal) weight corresponds to the highest `weightx` of its cells; for each row its (vertical) weight is determined by the highest `weighty` of

its cells. Therefore, to make all cells scale uniformly, one can assign the same non-zero value (0.5, say) to `weighty` of all cells in one column, and to `weightx` of all cells in one row.

For the example of using the **GridBagLayout**, see the program in Listing 96 on page 160.

9.6 Using icons

In the next example, we show how to create icons from an existing graphic files:

Listing 84

MBA-IntroSwing/IntroSwing.java

```
1 package intro;
2
3 import java.awt.Color;
4 import java.awt.FlowLayout;
5 import java.awt.Font;
6 import javax.swing.Icon;
7 import javax.swing.ImageIcon;
8 import javax.swing.JButton;
9 import javax.swing.JFrame;
10 import javax.swing.SwingConstants;
11 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
12
13 class IntroSwing {
14
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> createGUI());
17     }
18
19     private static void createGUI() {
20         Class<IntroSwing> clz = IntroSwing.class;
21
22         // Icons from directory img of the application
23         Icon[] icon = {
24             // root '/' is dir containing 'intro' package
25             new ImageIcon(clz.getResource("/img/pl.gif")),
26             // or relative to .class file
27             new ImageIcon(clz.getResource("../img/fr.gif")),
28             new ImageIcon(clz.getResource("/img/uk.gif")),
29         };
30         // text on buttons
31         String[] descr = {"Poland", "France", "UK" };
32
33         JFrame frame = new JFrame("Swing"); // main window
34         frame.setLayout(new FlowLayout()); // layout of its
35                                           // contentPane
36         for (int i=0; i < icon.length; ++i) {
37             JButton b = new JButton(descr[i], icon[i]);
38             b.setFont(new Font("Dialog",
```

```

39         Font.BOLD | Font.ITALIC, 18));
40     b.setForeground(Color.BLACK);
41     b.setBackground(Color.WHITE);
42     // position of text relative to icon
43     b.setVerticalTextPosition(
44         SwingConstants.BOTTOM);
45     b.setHorizontalTextPosition(
46         SwingConstants.CENTER);
47     frame.add(b);
48 }
49 frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.DISPOSE_ON_CLOSE);
50 frame.pack();
51 frame.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
52 frame.setVisible(true);
53 }
54 }

```

The program displays



9.7 Drawing

All swing components inherit the method **paintComponent** from **JComponent**. We never call it directly — it is invoked automatically when a component must be repainted (e.g., after resizing, when it is exposed after being hidden behind other windows etc.). There are also two other functions which will be invoked automatically when a component is repainted: **paintChildren** and **paintBorder**, but we seldom have to override them. All these methods take as the argument a so called **graphic context** — object of class **Graphics** from *java.awt* (in fact **Graphics2D** extending **Graphics**). It represents, in a sense, an output device on which we can draw geometrical figures or strings — normally, whatever we paint on it, will appear on the component (but can be redirected to memory or a file). When specifying positions of graphic elements, we have to remember that the point with coordinates (0,0) is in the upper-left corner, and *y*-coordinate increases *downwards*!

Object of type **Graphics** allow us to:

- set properties of the graphic context;
- draw lines and simple geometrical figures;
- draw strings;
- insert pictures and images (objects of type **Image**).

Geometrical figures can be drawn by invoking

- **void drawLine(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2)** — draws a line between (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) ;

- `void drawOval(int x, int y, int width, int height)` — draws an ellipse (circle) inscribed in a rectangle with upper-left vertex at (x, y) and given width and height;
- `void drawRect(int x, int y, int width, int height)` — draws a rectangle with upper-left vertex at (x, y) and given width and height.

Analogously, we can fill ovals and rectangles by

- `void fillOval(int x, int y, int width, int height)` — fills an ellipse (in particular a circle) inscribed in a rectangle with upper-left vertex at (x, y) and given width and height;
- `void fillRect(int x, int y, int width, int height)` — fills a rectangle with upper-left vertex at (x, y) and given width and height.

Before each drawing or filling, the color can be changed by `setColor`; if not set, the current foreground color will be used.

The coordinates of pixels should be understood as coordinates of points *between* pixels; when we paint a pixel with coordinates (x, y) , the pixel to the right and below this point is painted. For example, to draw a diagonal, we should invoke

```
drawLine(0, 0, getWidth()-1, getHeight()-1);
```

because the pixel referred to by coordinates $(width, height)$ would be outside of the picture! On the other hand, when we fill an oval or a rectangle, pixels *inside* a region specified by coordinates is painted, so to fill the whole area of a component, we would invoke

```
fillRect(0, 0, getWidth(), getHeight());
```

Let us see an example: we draw small squares at the corners of a button. Notice that

when overriding the `paintComponent` function, it is necessary to invoke, in the first line, the same method from the superclass.

Listing 85

MBB-PrettyButton/PrettyButton.java

```

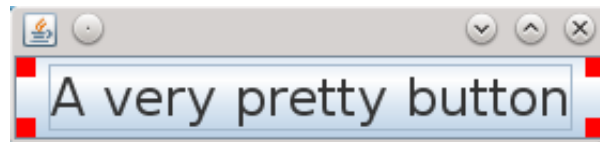
1 import java.awt.Color;
2 import java.awt.Font;
3 import java.awt.Graphics;
4 import javax.swing.JButton;
5 import javax.swing.JFrame;
6 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
7
8 class MyButton extends JButton {
9     public MyButton(String txt) {
10         super(txt);
11         setFont(new Font("Dialog", Font.PLAIN, 24));
12     }
13     @Override
14     public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
```

```

15     super.paintComponent(g); // IMPORTANT!!!
16     int w = getWidth();
17     int h = getHeight();
18     g.setColor(Color.red);
19     // drawing the squares
20     g.fillRect(0, 0, 10, 10);
21     g.fillRect(w-10, 0, 10, 10);
22     g.fillRect(0, h-10, 10, 10);
23     g.fillRect(w-10, h-10, 10, 10);
24 }
25 }
26
27 public class PrettyButton extends JFrame {
28     public PrettyButton() {
29         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
30         add(new MyButton("A very pretty button"));
31         pack();
32         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
33         setVisible(true);
34     }
35
36     public static void main(String args[]) {
37         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> new PrettyButton());
38     }
39 }

```

which produces



Another example demonstrates how to draw lines and rectangles:

Listing 86

MBE-GridLines/GridLines.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Dimension;
3  import java.awt.Graphics;
4  import javax.swing.JComponent;
5  import javax.swing.JFrame;
6  import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
7
8  public class GridLines extends JFrame {
9      public GridLines() {
10         super("Grid lines");
11         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
12         add(new MyComponent(400, 100));
13         pack();

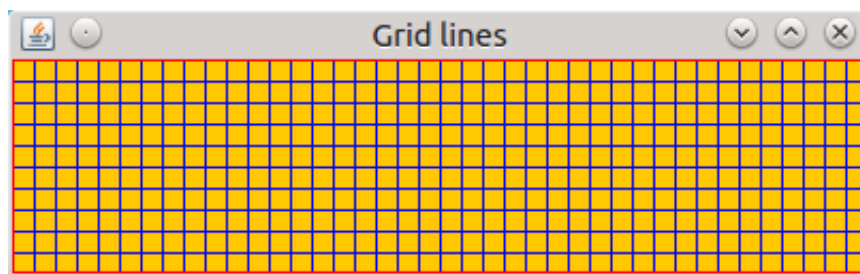
```

```

14     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
15     setVisible(true);
16 }
17
18 public static void main(String[] args) {
19     SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> new GridLines());
20 }
21 }
22
23 class MyComponent extends JComponent {
24     public MyComponent(int w, int h) {
25         Dimension d = new Dimension(w, h);
26         setMinimumSize(d);
27         setPreferredSize(d);
28         setMaximumSize(d);
29     }
30     @Override
31     public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
32         super.paintComponent(g);
33         int w = getWidth();
34         int h = getHeight();
35         g.setColor(Color.ORANGE);
36         g.fillRect(0, 0, w, h);
37         g.setColor(Color.RED);
38         g.drawRect(0, 0, w-1, h-1);
39         g.setColor(Color.BLUE);
40         for (int y = 10; y < h-1; y += 10)
41             g.drawLine(1, y, w-2, y);
42         for (int x = 10; x < w-1; x += 10)
43             g.drawLine(x, 1, x, h-2);
44     }
45 }

```

The program displays



and the window may be resized.

In the next example, we demonstrate how an image can be loaded, scaled and displayed (in fact, it can be done in several ways). The example also shows how to draw a string:

```
1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Dimension;
3  import java.awt.Font;
4  import java.awt.FontMetrics;
5  import java.awt.Graphics;
6  import java.awt.Graphics2D;
7  import java.awt.Image;
8  import java.awt.RenderingHints;
9  import java.awt.image.BufferedImage;
10 import java.awt.geom.Ellipse2D;
11 import java.awt.geom.Rectangle2D;
12 import java.io.File;
13 import java.io.IOException;
14 import javax.imageio.ImageIO;
15 import javax.swing.JFrame;
16 import javax.swing.JPanel;
17 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
18
19 public class Drawing {
20     public static void main (String[] args) {
21         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> new Drawing());
22     }
23
24     private Drawing() {
25         JFrame fr = new JFrame("VERMEER");
26         fr.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
27         JPanel panel = new MyPanel();
28         //fr.setContentPane(panel);
29         fr.add(panel);
30         fr.pack();
31         fr.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
32         fr.setVisible(true);
33     }
34 }
35
36 class MyPanel extends JPanel {
37     int counter = 0;
38     BufferedImage img = null;
39
40     MyPanel() {
41         setBackground(new Color(23,9,8));
42         setForeground(Color.YELLOW);
43         setOpaque(true);
44         setFont(new Font("Sans Serif",
45             Font.BOLD | Font.ITALIC,40));
46         setPreferredSize(new Dimension(600,350));
47         try {
48             // loading the image
```

```

49         img = ImageIO.read(new File("vermeer.png"));
50     } catch (IOException e) {
51         System.out.println("Image file not found");
52         System.exit(1);
53     }
54 }
55 @Override
56 protected void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
57     // not necessary, just to make things prettier
58     Graphics2D g2 = (Graphics2D)g;
59     g2.setRenderingHint(
60         RenderingHints.KEY_STROKE_CONTROL,
61         RenderingHints.VALUE_STROKE_PURE);
62     g2.setRenderingHint(
63         RenderingHints.KEY_ANTIALIASING,
64         RenderingHints.VALUE_ANTIALIAS_ON);
65     g2.setRenderingHint(
66         RenderingHints.KEY_TEXT_ANTIALIASING,
67         RenderingHints.VALUE_TEXT_ANTIALIAS_ON);
68     // could have been just
69     // super.paintComponent(g);
70     super.paintComponent(g2);
71
72     String str = "Invoked " + ++counter + " times";
73     FontMetrics fm = g2.getFontMetrics();
74     Rectangle2D r = fm.getStringBounds(str,g2);
75
76     int w = getWidth();
77     int h = getHeight();
78     int x = (w-(int)r.getWidth())/2;
79     int y = h/6-(int)r.getHeight()/2+fm.getAscent();
80     g2.drawString(str, x, y);
81     g2.drawOval(0, 0, w, h/3);
82     Image im = img.getScaledInstance( -1, h/2,
83         Image.SCALE_SMOOTH);
84     g2.drawImage(im,(w-im.getWidth(null))/2,2*h/5,null);
85 }
86 }

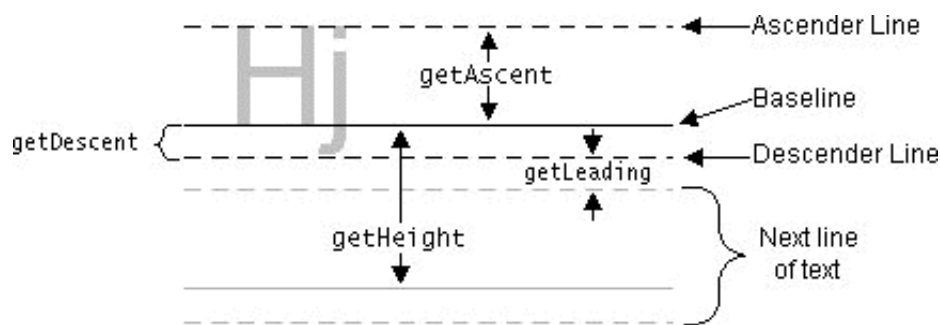
```

The program produces



The picture will be rescaled when the window is resized. Note that the counter shows how many times the **paintComponent** function has been invoked.

In the above program we used class **FontMetrics** to get information on properties of the string treated as a graphics; for example we can get sizes of the string rendered in a given font (as an object of type **Rectangle2D**). Strings rendered as a graphics have also other characteristics, shown in the picture



and available by invoking several methods of **FontMetrics**, like **getHeight**, **getAscent**, **getDescent**, **getLeading** and others. Note, that we cast **Graphics** object into **Graphics2D** — this is always safe, because the object passed to **paintComponent** *is* of this type. We did it in order to use methods of **Graphics2D** that are *not* inherited from **Graphics**: those methods yield a better quality of the displayed graphics. The program belows demonstrates the difference:

Listing 88

MCY-RenderHints/RenderHints.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Dimension;
3  import java.awt.Font;
4  import java.awt.FontMetrics;
5  import java.awt.Graphics;
6  import java.awt.Graphics2D;
7  import java.awt.GridLayout;
8  import java.awt.RenderingHints;
9  import java.awt.geom.Rectangle2D;
10 import javax.swing.JFrame;
11 import javax.swing.JPanel;
12 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
13

```

```

14 public class RenderHints {
15     public static void main (String[] args) {
16         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> new RenderHints());
17     }
18     private RenderHints() {
19         JFrame fr = new JFrame("Rendering hints");
20         fr.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
21         fr.setLayout(new GridLayout(2,1,10,10));
22         fr.add(new MyPanel(false));
23         fr.add(new MyPanel(true));
24         fr.pack();
25         fr.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
26         fr.setVisible(true);
27     }
28 }
29
30 class MyPanel extends JPanel {
31     boolean hintsOn;
32
33     MyPanel(boolean hints) {
34         hintsOn = hints;
35         setBackground(new Color(23,9,8));
36         setForeground(Color.YELLOW);
37         setOpaque(true);
38         setPreferredSize(new Dimension(400,200));
39     }
40     @Override
41     //protected void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
42     public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
43         Graphics2D g2 = (Graphics2D)g;
44         if (hintsOn) {
45             g2.setRenderingHint(
46                 RenderingHints.KEY_STROKE_CONTROL,
47                 RenderingHints.VALUE_STROKE_PURE);
48             g2.setRenderingHint(
49                 RenderingHints.KEY_ANTIALIASING,
50                 RenderingHints.VALUE_ANTIALIAS_ON);
51             g2.setRenderingHint(
52                 RenderingHints.KEY_TEXT_ANTIALIASING,
53                 RenderingHints.VALUE_TEXT_ANTIALIAS_ON);
54         }
55         super.paintComponent(g2);
56
57         String str = "This is a text in italic";
58         g2.setFont(new Font("Serif",Font.ITALIC,12));
59         FontMetrics fm = g2.getFontMetrics();
60         Rectangle2D r = fm.getStringBounds(str,g2);
61
62         int w = getWidth();
63         int h = getHeight();

```

```

64     int x = w/10;
65     int y = h/10;
66     while (y < 0.95*h) {
67         g2.drawString(str, x, y);
68         y += (int)(r.getHeight()*1.1);
69     }
70     x = (int)(2*w/10+r.getWidth());
71     y = h/10;
72     g2.drawLine(x, y, 9*w/10, 2*h/10);
73     g2.drawOval(x, 2*h/10, 9*w/10-x, 4*h/10);
74     g2.drawOval(x, 5*h/10, 9*w/10-x, 4*h/10);
75 }
76 }

```

and the difference becomes apparent



9.8 Windows

Windows are containers of the highest level in hierarchy of containers/components — they are heavyweight and contain all other components (usually lightweight) of the whole GUI.

Some windows may have an owner (they are then called *secondary window*), some — *primary windows* — do not: they are always ‘parents’ for other containers/components.

- Closing a primary window closes all its children (secondary windows);
- Minimizing a primary window minimizes all its contents;

- Moving a primary window moves it with all its contents.

Only secondary windows can (but need not to) be modal; when a window is modal, interaction with the parent window is blocked until this modal window has been closed.

Let us mention some of the most important methods that we can call on windows:

- `void pack()` — ‘packs’ the window, i.e., calculates all sizes and locations of the child components taking into account their preferred sizes;
- `void setLocationRelativeTo(Component c)` — set location of this window on a specified component; center of the screen if `c` is `null`;
- `setDefaultCloseOperation(int)` specifies what will happen when the window is closed. This is determined by an integer defined in class `JFrame`: `EXIT_ON_CLOSE`, `DISPOSE_ON_CLOSE`, `DO_NOTHING_ON_CLOSE` or `HIDE_ON_CLOSE`;
- Toolkit `getToolkit()` — returns `Toolkit` which contains many useful methods describing the graphical environment of the application. The class constitutes a ‘glue’ between platform independent classes and native operating system;
- `boolean isShowing()` — tests whether the window is displayed on the screen;
- `void setCursor(Cursor)` — set the type of the cursor;
- `dispose()` — releases resources related to the widow;
- Window `getOwner()` — returns the owner of this window (or `null`);
- Window[] `getOwnedWindows()` — returns an array of owned (child) windows;
- Component `getFocusOwner()` — returns the component inside the widow that has the focus (if the focus is somewhere in this window);
- Component `getMostRecentFocusOwner()` — returns the component of the window that will receive the focus when the whole window will get it;

The most important kind of window is the frame window (in Swing it is `JFrame`) which has borders, title bar, control icons, menu bar, tool bar etc.

A frame window has no owner and cannot be modal. It can be created with the default constructor or with a `String` argument specifying its title (that can be then dynamically modified).

Frames have many properties that can be get/set by appropriate methods; some of them are

- `iconImage` (`setIconImage/getIconImage`) of type `Image` — icon used on the task bar when the window is minimized;
- `menuBar` of type `JMenuBar`;
- `title` of type `String` — a string appearing on the title bar of the window;
- `resizable` of type `boolean` — specifies, if the window can be resized; may be modified dynamically;
- `undecorated` of type `boolean` — if `true`, the window has no ‘decorations’ (title bar, borders etc.);
- `extendedState` of type `int` — specifies the current state of the window as an integer constant from class `JFrame`: `NORMAL`, `ICONIFIED`, `MAXIMIZED_HORIZ`, `MAXIMIZED_VERT`, `MAXIMIZED_BOTH`. We can check whether a particular state is available on our platform by invoking `Toolkit.isFrameStateSupported(int)`.

A very close cousin of **JFrame** is **JDialog**. It is intended to display some sort of a dialog allowing the user, for example, to enter some data. It always has a parent, can (and usually should) be modal. As it represents some sort of a ‘helper’ widget, you cannot set its default close operations to `EXIT_ON_CLOSE`. Such dialogs are often created by invocation of static methods from class **JOptionPane** (many overloaded versions of **showInputDialog** or **showMessageDialog**). Modality can be set by invoking **setModalityType** — the corresponding property has enum type **Dialog.ModalityType**; use `MODELESS` to make the dialog non-modal, `DOCUMENT_MODAL` to make it modal (its parents will be blocked) or `APPLICATION_MODAL` (all root windows of an application will be blocked).

There are also windows of type **JInternalFrame** that are *lightweight*: they always have a parent and are contained inside another container. As they are lightweight, they can be completely platform independent and have additional properties lacking in heavyweight windows.

9.9 More examples

The example below illustrates various components, in particular a text area with scroll bars, and also **invokeLater** which is called from the main thread to modify the displayed GUI (append a line to the text area and possibly add a vertical scroll bar):

Listing 89

MCJ-Layouts1/Layouts.java

```
1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Color;
3  import java.awt.FlowLayout;
4  import java.awt.Font;
5  import java.awt.GridLayout;
6  import java.io.BufferedReader;
7  import java.io.IOException;
8  import java.nio.file.Files;
9  import java.nio.file.Paths;
10 import javax.swing.BorderFactory;
11 import javax.swing.JButton;
12 import javax.swing.JFrame;
13 import javax.swing.JPanel;
14 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
15 import javax.swing.JTextArea;
16 import javax.swing.JTextField;
17 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
18
19 public class Layouts extends JFrame {
20     static JTextArea area = null;
21
22     public static void main (String[] args) {
23         new Layouts();
24
25         try (BufferedReader br =
26             Files.newBufferedReader(
```

```

27         Paths.get("hamlet.txt"))) {
28     String line = null;
29     while ( (line = br.readLine()) != null ) {
30         String s = line;
31         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(
32             () -> area.append(s+"\n"));
33         Thread.sleep(500);
34     }
35     SwingUtilities.invokeLater( () -> {
36         area.setBackground(Color.BLUE);
37         area.setForeground(Color.YELLOW);
38     });
39 } catch(IOException | InterruptedException e) {
40     e.printStackTrace();
41     return;
42 }
43 }
44
45 private Layouts() {
46     setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
47     // setting layout of the whole contentPane
48     // of the frame window (it is border layout
49     // by default anyway...)
50     setLayout(new BorderLayout());
51
52     JPanel southPanel = new JPanel();
53     southPanel.setBorder(
54         BorderFactory.createTitledBorder("Buttons"));
55     southPanel.setLayout(new GridLayout(3,3,10,10));
56     for (int i = 1; i < 10; ++i)
57         southPanel.add(new JButton("Button " + i));
58     add(southPanel, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
59
60     JPanel northPanel = new JPanel();
61     northPanel.setLayout(
62         new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.CENTER));
63     northPanel.add(new JTextField("Short field",20));
64     northPanel.add(new JTextField("Long field",40));
65     add(northPanel, BorderLayout.NORTH);
66
67     area = new JTextArea(15,40);
68     area.setFont(
69         new Font("Sans_Serif",Font.PLAIN,18));
70     area.setBackground(Color.WHITE);
71     area.setForeground(Color.BLACK);
72     JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(area,
73         JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS,
74         JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED);
75     add(scroll, BorderLayout.CENTER);
76

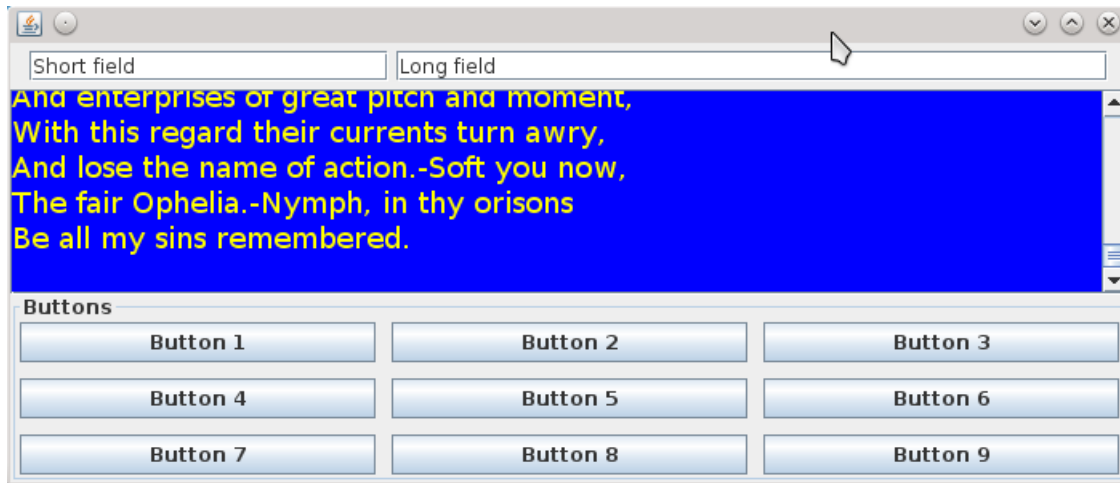
```

```

77     pack();
78     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
79     setVisible(true);
80 }
81 }

```

The program displays



Another example is similar: here we create more complex borders, in particular compound borders:

Listing 90

MCK-Layouts/Layouts.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
3  import java.awt.GridLayout;
4  import javax.swing.BorderFactory;
5  import javax.swing.JButton;
6  import javax.swing.JFrame;
7  import javax.swing.JPanel;
8  import javax.swing.JTextArea;
9  import javax.swing.JTextField;
10
11  public class Layouts extends JFrame {
12      public static void main(String[] args) {
13          new Layouts();
14      }
15
16      Layouts() {
17          setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
18          setContentPane(new MainPanel());
19          pack();
20          setLocationRelativeTo(null);
21          setVisible(true);
22      }
23  }

```

```

24
25 class MainPanel extends JPanel {
26     MainPanel() {
27         JTextField[] tft = new JTextField[4];
28         for (int i = 0; i < tft.length; i++) {
29             tft[i]=new JTextField(11);
30             tft[i].setText("JTextField no "+(i+1));
31         }
32
33         JButton[] bt = new JButton[6];
34         for (int i = 0; i < bt.length; i++)
35             bt[i]=new JButton(String.format("B%02d",i+1));
36
37         JPanel[] panels = new JPanel[6];
38         for (int i = 0; i < panels.length; i++)
39             panels[i] = new JPanel();
40
41         JTextArea tat = new JTextArea(3,15);
42         tat.setText("JTextArea no 1");
43         tat.setBorder(
44             BorderFactory.createTitledBorder(
45                 BorderFactory.createLineBorder(
46                     new Color(0x99,0,0),3
47                 ),
48                 "JTextArea"
49             )
50         );
51
52         // two buttons in a row
53         panels[0].setLayout(new GridLayout(1,2,2,2));
54         panels[0].add(bt[0]);
55         panels[0].add(bt[1]);
56
57         // four buttons in a row
58         panels[1].setLayout(new GridLayout(1,4,2,2));
59         for (int i = 2; i < 6; i++)
60             panels[1].add(bt[i]);
61
62         // one text field in a row
63         panels[2].setLayout(new BorderLayout());
64         panels[2].add(tft[0],BorderLayout.CENTER);
65
66         // three text fields in a row
67         panels[3].setLayout(new GridLayout(1,3,2,2));
68         for (int i = 1; i < 4; i++)
69             panels[3].add(tft[i]);
70
71         // text area
72         panels[4].setLayout(new BorderLayout());
73         panels[4].add(tat,BorderLayout.CENTER);

```

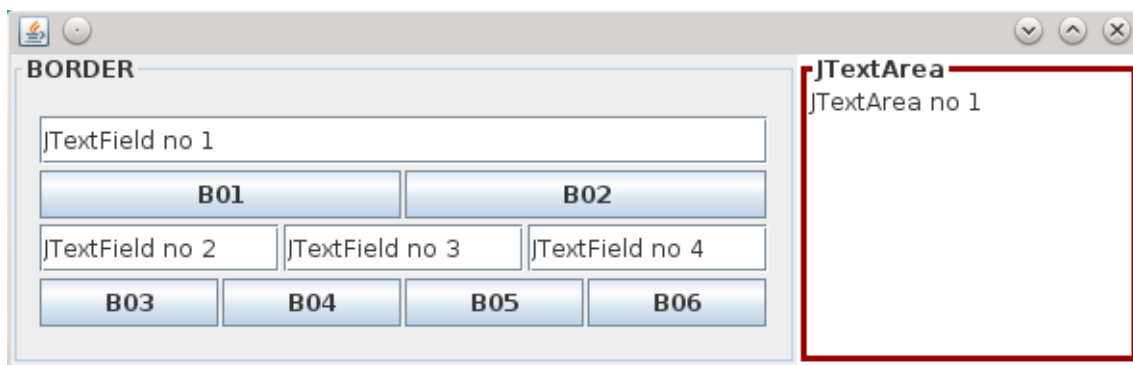


```

74      // buttons and text fields
75      panels[5].setLayout(new GridLayout(4,1,5,3));
76      panels[5].add(panels[2]);
77      panels[5].add(panels[0]);
78      panels[5].add(panels[3]);
79      panels[5].add(panels[1]);
80      panels[5].setBorder(
81          BorderFactory.createCompoundBorder(
82              // outer
83              BorderFactory.createTitledBorder("BORDER"),
84              // inner
85              BorderFactory.createEmptyBorder(15,10,15,10)
86          )
87      );
88
89      setLayout(new BorderLayout());
90      add(panels[5], BorderLayout.CENTER);
91      add(panels[4], BorderLayout.EAST);
92  }
93 }
94

```

The program displays



In the example below, we build even more complex GUI

Listing 91

MCL-Layouts2/MiscLayouts.java

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.FlowLayout;
3  import java.awt.GridLayout;
4  import java.awt.LayoutManager;
5  import java.awt.Color;
6  import javax.swing.BorderFactory;
7  import javax.swing.Icon;
8  import javax.swing.ImageIcon;
9  import javax.swing.JButton;
10 import javax.swing.JFrame;
11 import javax.swing.JPanel;

```

```

12
13 public class MiscLayouts {
14     public static void main(String[] args) {
15         // number of comonents in panels
16         final int CNUM = 5;
17         // descriptions
18         String lmNames[] = {
19             "Flow Layout", "Flow (left aligned)",
20             "Border Layout", "Grid Layout(1,num)",
21             "Grid Layout(num, 1)", "Grid Layout(n,m)"
22         };
23         // layouts
24         LayoutManager lm[] = {
25             new FlowLayout(),
26             new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.LEFT),
27             new BorderLayout(),
28             new GridLayout(1, 0),
29             new GridLayout(0, 1),
30             new GridLayout(2, 0)
31         };
32
33         // for BorderLayout
34         String gborders[] = {
35             BorderLayout.WEST,
36             BorderLayout.NORTH,
37             BorderLayout.EAST,
38             BorderLayout.SOUTH,
39             BorderLayout.CENTER
40         };
41         // panel colors
42         Color colors[] = {
43             new Color(191, 225, 255),
44             new Color(255, 255, 200),
45             new Color(201, 245, 245),
46             new Color(255, 255, 140),
47             new Color(161, 224, 224),
48             new Color(255, 255, 200)
49         };
50
51         // icon on a button
52         Icon redDot = new ImageIcon("red.gif");
53
54         JFrame frame = new JFrame("Layouts");
55         frame.setLayout(new GridLayout(0, 2));
56
57         for (int i = 0; i < lmNames.length; i++) {
58             JPanel p = new JPanel();
59             p.setBackground(colors[i]);
60             p.setBorder(BorderFactory
61                 .createTitledBorder(lmNames[i]));

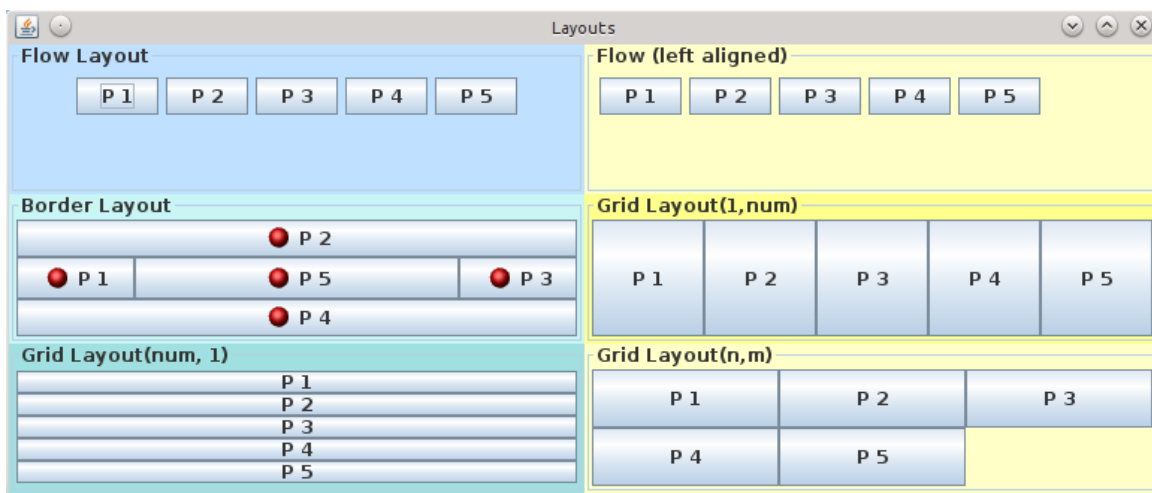
```

```

62         p.setLayout(lm[i]);
63         Icon icon = null;
64
65         if (lm[i] instanceof BorderLayout) icon = redDot;
66         for (int j = 0; j < CNUM; j++) {
67             JButton b = new JButton("P " + (j+1), icon);
68             p.add(b, gborders[j]);
69         }
70         frame.add(p);
71     }
72     frame.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
73     frame.pack();
74     frame.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
75     frame.setVisible(true);
76 }
77 }

```

The program displays



The next example shows how to set mnemonics and how to connect a label with another component:

Listing 92

MCH-LabsFor/LabelsFor.java

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.GridLayout;
3  import javax.swing.JFrame;
4  import javax.swing.JLabel;
5  import javax.swing.JPanel;
6  import javax.swing.JTextField;
7
8  class LabelsFor extends JFrame {
9      JPanel panel = new JPanel(new GridLayout(0, 2, 10, 5));
10
11      public static void main(String args[]) {
12          new LabelsFor();

```

```

13     }
14
15     LabelsFor() {
16         setLayout(new BorderLayout()); // not needed here
17         String html = "<html><center>Please<br>"
18             + "<b><font color=red>enter</font></b><br>"
19             + "<font color=blue>your personal data"
20             + "</font></center><br></html>";
21         JLabel head = new JLabel(html, JLabel.CENTER);
22         add(head, BorderLayout.NORTH);
23         addLabAndTxtFld("Name", 'n', "Enter your name");
24         addLabAndTxtFld("Year of birth", 'y', "YYYY/MM/DD");
25         addLabAndTxtFld("Address", 'a', "Your address");
26         add(panel, BorderLayout.CENTER);
27         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
28         pack();
29         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
30         setVisible(true);
31     }
32
33     void addLabAndTxtFld(String txt, char mnem, String tip){
34         JLabel lab = new JLabel(txt, JLabel.RIGHT);
35         JTextField tf = new JTextField(20);
36         tf.setToolTipText(tip);
37         lab.setLabelFor(tf);
38         lab.setDisplayedMnemonic(mnem);
39         panel.add(lab);
40         panel.add(tf);
41     }
42 }

```

The program displays



And one more example with **JScrollPane**:

Listing 93 MCG-Components/VariousComponents.java

```

1 import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2 import java.awt.Color;
3 import java.awt.FlowLayout;

```

```

4  import java.awt.GridLayout;
5  import javax.swing.BorderFactory;
6  import javax.swing.JButton;
7  import javax.swing.JFrame;
8  import javax.swing.JPanel;
9  import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
10 import javax.swing.JTextArea;
11 import javax.swing.JTextField;
12 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
13
14 public class VariousComponents extends JFrame {
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         new VariousComponents();
17     }
18
19     VariousComponents() {
20         super("Various Components");
21         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
22
23         // this is the default anyway
24         setLayout(new BorderLayout());
25
26         JPanel lower = new JPanel();
27         lower.setLayout(new GridLayout(2,1,5,2));
28         JTextField tup = new JTextField(30);
29         JTextField tdn = new JTextField(30);
30         tup.setText("This is the first text field");
31         tdn.setText("This is the second text field");
32         lower.add(tup);
33         lower.add(tdn);
34         add(lower,BorderLayout.SOUTH);
35
36         JPanel upper = new JPanel();
37         upper.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
38         JButton b1 = new JButton("But1");
39         JButton b2 = new JButton("But2");
40         JButton b3 = new JButton("But3");
41         JButton b4 = new JButton("But4");
42         upper.add(b1);
43         upper.add(b2);
44         upper.add(b3);
45         upper.add(b4);
46         add(upper,BorderLayout.NORTH);
47
48         JTextArea ja = new JTextArea(5,30);
49         ja.setBackground(new Color(255,153,0));
50         ja.setForeground(Color.BLACK);
51         ja.setText("This\nis\nJ\nText\nArea\n!");
52         JScrollPane sc = new JScrollPane(ja,
53             JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS,

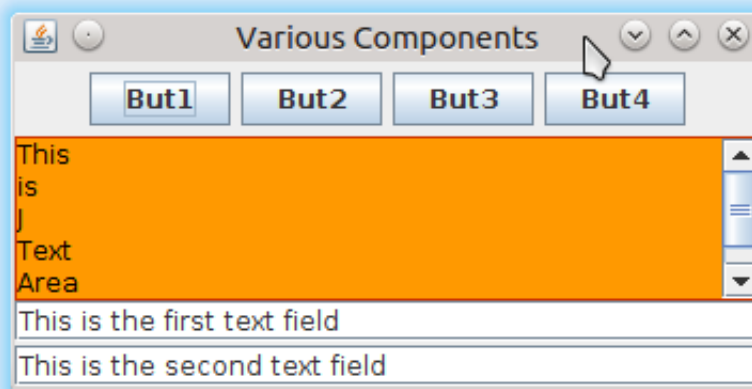
```

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54         JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED);
55     sc.setBorder(
56         BorderFactory.createLineBorder(
57             new Color(204,51,0)));
58     add(sc, BorderLayout.CENTER);
59
60     SwingUtilities.invokeLater(new Runnable() {
61         public void run() {
62             pack();
63             setLocationRelativeTo(null);
64             setVisible(true);
65         }
66     });
67 }
68 }

```

The program displays



The next example just shows various borders:

Listing 94

MCP-Borders/Borders.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.GridLayout;
3  import javax.swing.ImageIcon;
4  import javax.swing.JFrame;
5  import javax.swing.JLabel;
6  import javax.swing.JPanel;
7  import javax.swing.border.BevelBorder;
8  import javax.swing.border.EmptyBorder;
9  import javax.swing.border.EtchedBorder;
10 import javax.swing.border.LineBorder;
11 import javax.swing.border.MatteBorder;
12 import javax.swing.border.SoftBevelBorder;

```

```

13 import javax.swing.border.TitledBorder;
14
15 public class Borders extends JFrame {
16     public static void main(String args[]) {
17         new Borders();
18     }
19
20     public Borders() {
21         super("BORDERS");
22         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
23
24         JPanel content = new JPanel();
25         content.setLayout(new GridLayout(6,2,3,3));
26
27         JPanel p = new JPanel();
28         p.setBorder(new BevelBorder(BevelBorder.RAISED));
29         p.add(new JLabel("RAISED BevelBorder"));
30         content.add(p);
31
32         p = new JPanel();
33         p.setBorder(new BevelBorder(BevelBorder.LOWERED));
34         p.add(new JLabel("LOWERED BevelBorder"));
35         content.add(p);
36
37         p = new JPanel();
38         p.setBorder(new LineBorder(Color.black, 2));
39         p.add(new JLabel("Black LineBorder, thickness=2"));
40         content.add(p);
41
42         p = new JPanel();
43         p.setBorder(new EmptyBorder(8, 8, 8, 8));
44         p.add(new JLabel("EmptyBorder, thickness 8"));
45         content.add(p);
46
47         p = new JPanel();
48         p.setBorder(new EtchedBorder(EtchedBorder.RAISED));
49         p.add(new JLabel("RAISED EtchedBorder"));
50         content.add(p);
51
52         p = new JPanel();
53         p.setBorder(new EtchedBorder(EtchedBorder.LOWERED));
54         p.add(new JLabel("LOWERED EtchedBorder"));
55         content.add(p);
56
57         p = new JPanel();
58         p.setBorder(new SoftBevelBorder(
59             SoftBevelBorder.RAISED));
60         p.add(new JLabel("RAISED SoftBevelBorder"));
61         content.add(p);
62

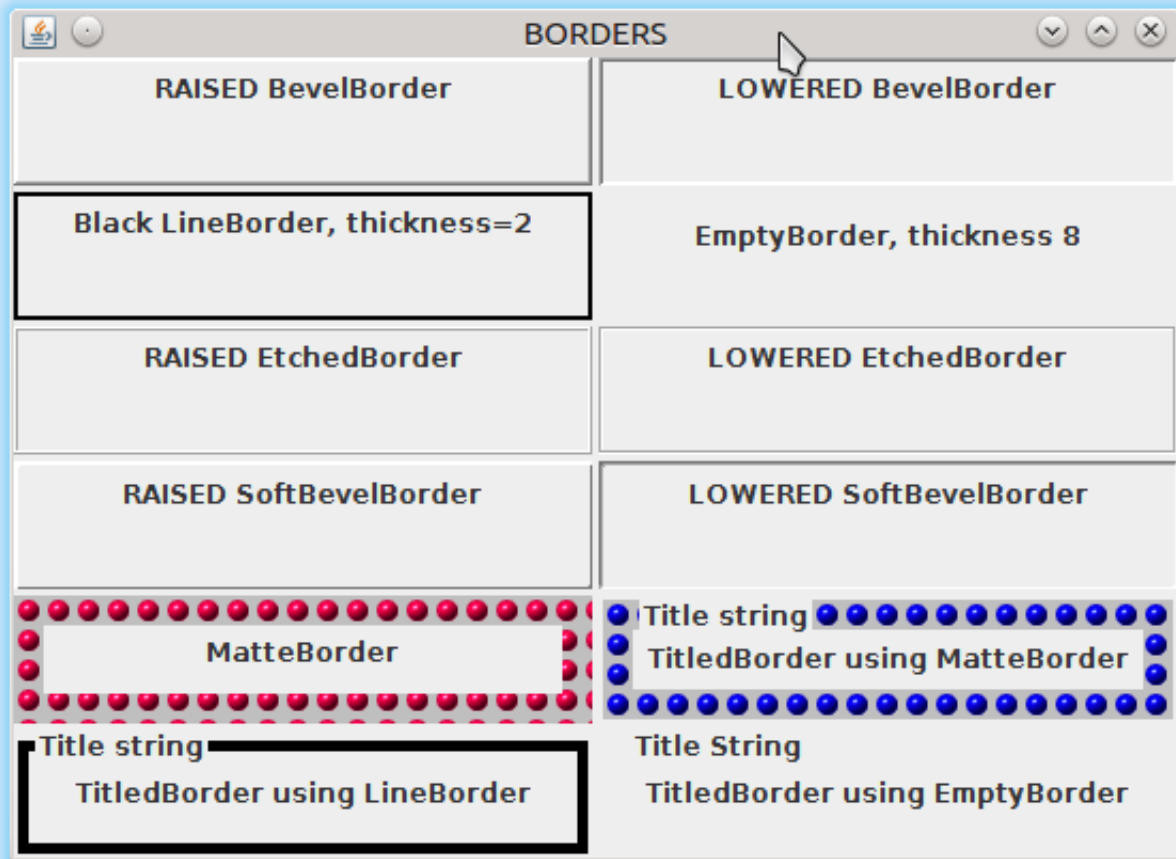
```

```

63     p = new JPanel();
64     p.setBorder(new SoftBevelBorder(
65         SoftBevelBorder.LOWERED));
66     p.add(new JLabel("LOWERED SoftBevelBorder"));
67     content.add(p);
68
69     p = new JPanel();
70     p.setBorder(new MatteBorder(
71         new ImageIcon("redball.gif")));
72     p.add(new JLabel("MatteBorder"));
73     content.add(p);
74
75     p = new JPanel();
76     p.setBorder(new TitledBorder(new MatteBorder(
77         new ImageIcon("blueball.gif"),
78         "Title string"));
79     p.add(new JLabel("TitledBorder using MatteBorder"));
80     content.add(p);
81
82     p = new JPanel();
83     p.setBorder(new TitledBorder(
84         new LineBorder(Color.black, 5),
85         "Title string"));
86     p.add(new JLabel("TitledBorder using LineBorder"));
87     content.add(p);
88
89     p = new JPanel();
90     p.setBorder(new TitledBorder(
91         new EmptyBorder(10, 10, 10, 10),
92         "Title String"));
93     p.add(new JLabel("TitledBorder using EmptyBorder"));
94     content.add(p);
95
96     add(content);
97     pack();
98     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
99     setVisible(true);
100 }
101 }

```

The program displays



In the following example, we demonstrate, how one can set icons for buttons, different for different states of the button. Moreover, icons are custom made — we draw them manually, so we don't need any additional graphic files. Components **JToggleButton** are by themselves not very interesting, but the class is the base for much more useful **JRadioButton** and **JCheckBox**.

Listing 95

MCU-Buttons/Buttons.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Component;
3  import java.awt.Graphics;
4  import java.awt.GridLayout;
5  import javax.swing.AbstractButton;
6  import javax.swing.Icon;
7  import javax.swing.JButton;
8  import javax.swing.JComponent;
9  import javax.swing.JFrame;
10 import javax.swing.JToggleButton;
11 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
12 import static javax.swing.SwingConstants.*;
13
14
15 public class Buttons extends JFrame {

```

```

16 private Icon[] icons = {
17     new MyIcon(Color.YELLOW, true),
18     new MyIcon(Color.BLUE, false),
19     new MyIcon(Color.RED, true),
20     new MyIcon(Color.BLACK, false)
21 };
22
23 // will be programatically pressed
24 private JButton bpre = new JButton("Button - pressed");
25
26 public static void main(String args[]) {
27     new Buttons();
28 }
29
30 Buttons() {
31     setLayout(new GridLayout(2, 2, 10, 10));
32     JButton b = new JButton("Button1");
33     setButt(b, icons, RIGHT, CENTER);
34     JButton bmov = new JButton("Button2");
35     setButt(bmov, icons, LEFT, TOP);
36     setButt(bpre, icons, CENTER, TOP);
37
38     JToggleButton tb = new JToggleButton(
39         "ToggleButton");
40     setButt(tb, icons, CENTER, BOTTOM);
41
42     setDefaultCloseOperation(DISPOSE_ON_CLOSE);
43     pack();
44     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
45     setVisible(true);
46     try {
47         Thread.sleep(2500);
48         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> {
49             bpre.doClick(500); // pressed for 500 ms
50         });
51     } catch(Exception ignore) { }
52 }
53
54 void setButt(AbstractButton b, Icon[] i,
55     int horPos, int vertPos) {
56     b.setFocusPainted(true);
57     b.setIcon(i[0]);
58     b.setRolloverIcon(i[1]);
59     b.setPressedIcon(i[2]);
60     b.setSelectedIcon(i[3]);
61     b.setHorizontalTextPosition(horPos);
62     b.setVerticalTextPosition(vertPos);
63     add(b);
64 }
65 }

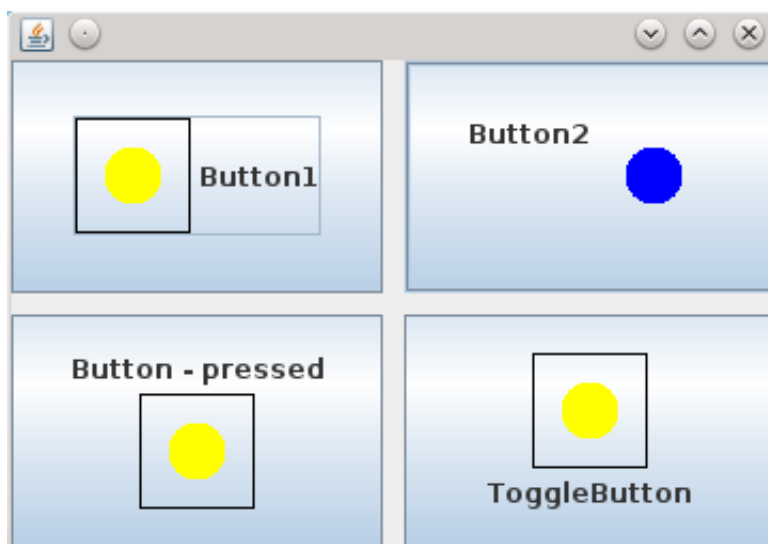
```

```

66
67 class MyIcon implements Icon {
68
69     private Color color;
70     private int w = 80;
71     private boolean frame;
72
73     MyIcon(Color c, boolean frame) {
74         color = c;
75         this.frame = frame;
76     }
77
78     @Override
79     public void paintIcon(Component c,
80         Graphics g, int x, int y) {
81         Color old = g.getColor();
82         g.setColor(color);
83         w = ((JComponent) c).getHeight()/2;
84         int p = w/4, d = w/2;
85         g.fillOval(x + p, y + p, d, d);
86         if (frame) {
87             g.setColor(Color.BLACK);
88             g.drawRect(x, y, w-1, w-1);
89         }
90         g.setColor(old);
91     }
92
93     @Override
94     public int getIconWidth() { return w; }
95     @Override
96     public int getIconHeight() { return w; }
97 }

```

The program displays



The last example demonstrates **GridBagLayout** applied to a calculator-like applica-

tion, which displays the following interface



The code is presented below. Note that for each component added to the main **JPanel**, we create a separate object **GridBagConstraints**. This is not needed, we could reuse existing objects for several components. However, such approach can be rather error-prone, as we would have to remember which fields are set and reset them to other values before applying to another components.

Listing 96

MDB-GridBag/GridBag.java

```
1 import java.awt.GridBagConstraints;
2 import java.awt.GridBagLayout;
3 import javax.swing.JButton;
4 import javax.swing.JFrame;
5 import javax.swing.JPanel;
6
7 public class GridBag {
8     public static void main (String[] args) {
9         JFrame f = new JFrame("GBL");
10        f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
11        f.add(new MyPanel());
12        f.pack();
13        f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
14        f.setVisible(true);
15    }
16 }
17
18 class MyPanel extends JPanel {
19     MyPanel() {
20         setLayout(new GridBagLayout());
21         // upper row
22         String[] ur = {"%", "\u00f7", "\u00d7", "\u2212"};
23         for (int i = 0; i < ur.length; ++i) {
24             GridBagConstraints c = new GridBagConstraints();
25             c.fill = GridBagConstraints.BOTH;
26             c.gridx = i;
27             c.gridy = 0;
28             c.weightx = 0.5; // important when resizing
29             c.weighty = 0.5;
30             add(new JButton(ur[i]), c);
31         }
32         // numeric pad
```

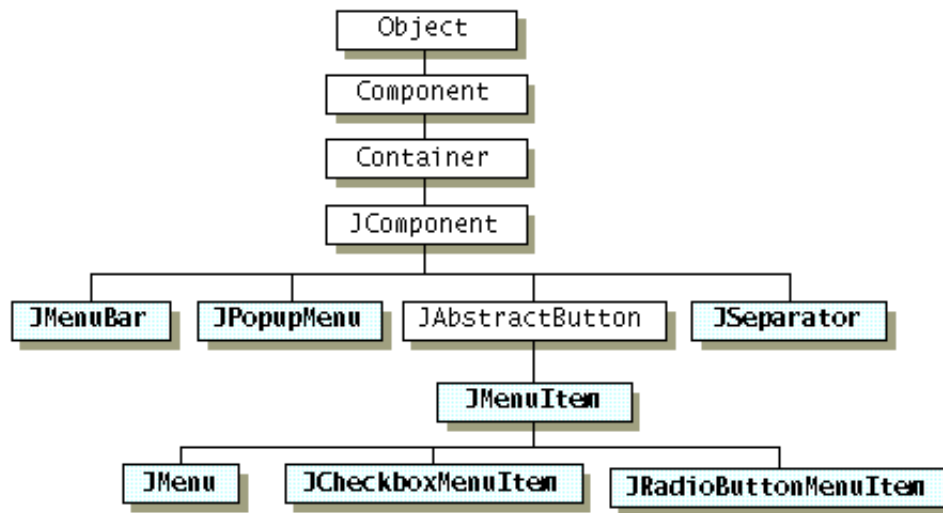
```

33     for (int i = 1; i <= 9; ++i) {
34         GridBagConstraints c = new GridBagConstraints();
35         c.fill = GridBagConstraints.BOTH;
36         c.gridx = (i-1)%3;
37         c.gridy = 3 - (i-1)/3;
38         c.weighty = 0.5;
39         c.ipadx = 10; // digit buttons will be larger
40         c.ipady = 10;
41         add(new JButton(""+i),c);
42     }
43     // plus and == at rhs
44     String[] rr = {"\u002b","\u003d"};
45     for (int i = 0; i < 2; ++i) {
46         GridBagConstraints c = new GridBagConstraints();
47         c.fill = GridBagConstraints.BOTH;
48         c.gridx = 3;
49         c.gridy = 1 + 2*i;
50         c.gridheight = 2;
51         add(new JButton(rr[i]),c);
52     }
53     // zero
54     GridBagConstraints czero = new GridBagConstraints();
55     czero.fill = GridBagConstraints.BOTH;
56     czero.gridx = 0;
57     czero.gridy = 4;
58     czero.gridwidth = 2;
59     add(new JButton("0"),czero);
60     // dot
61     GridBagConstraints cdot = new GridBagConstraints();
62     cdot.fill = GridBagConstraints.BOTH;
63     cdot.gridx = 2;
64     cdot.gridy = 4;
65     cdot.weighty = 0.5;
66     add(new JButton("\u2022"),cdot);
67 }
68 }

```

9.10 Menus

Menus belong to the most useful elements of almost any graphical interface. In Java, one can easily create even quite complex menus. The classes involved are presented in the figure below



As we can see, the parent type here is **JMenuItem**, representing a selectable menu item. Selectable, because **JMenuItem** inherits from **JAbstractButton** and therefore can be clicked to fire an event that we can somehow handle — exactly as buttons. Also as buttons, menu items can be equipped with texts and icons that can be configured. In order to create a menu, one

- creates **JMenuBar**;
- creates menus (**JMenu**);
- to each menu, adds other menus which will constitute its submenus;
- to each menu or submenu, adds other menus or, finally, menu items — **JMenuItem** — which therefore are leaves of the tree-like structures corresponding to each highest level menu;
- adds the highest level menus to **JMenuBar**;
- sets this menu bar as the menu bar of a window (usually **JFrame**).

Let us look at an example:

Listing 97

MDA-MenuSimple/MenuSimple.java

```

1  import java.awt.Dimension;
2  import javax.swing.Box;
3  import javax.swing.JFrame;
4  import javax.swing.JMenu;
5  import javax.swing.JMenuBar;
6  import javax.swing.JMenuItem;
7  import javax.swing.JPanel;
8
9  public class MenuSimple {
10     public static void main (String[] args) {
11         JFrame f = new JFrame("MENU");
12         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
13         JPanel panel = new JPanel();
14         panel.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300,130));
15
16         // menu Products
17         JMenu productMenu = new JMenu("Products");
18         // submenu For Women
  
```

```

19     JMenu women = new JMenu("For Women");
20         // adding items to the submenu For Women
21     women.add(new JMenuItem("Shoes"));
22     women.add(new JMenuItem("Handbags"));
23     women.add(new JMenuItem("Stockings"));
24     women.add(new JMenuItem("Perfumes"));
25     JMenu gloves = new JMenu("Gloves");
26     gloves.add(new JMenuItem("Left"));
27     gloves.add(new JMenuItem("Right"));
28     women.add(gloves);
29         // submenu For Men
30     JMenu men = new JMenu("For Men");
31         // adding items to the submenu For Men
32     men.add(new JMenuItem("Beer"));
33         // submenu For Children (will be empty)
34     JMenu children = new JMenu("For Children");
35         // adding submenus to menu Products
36     productMenu.add(women);
37     productMenu.add(men);
38     productMenu.addSeparator();
39     productMenu.add(children);
40
41         // menu Color
42     JMenu colorMenu = new JMenu("Color");
43         // adding menu items
44     colorMenu.add(new JMenuItem("Red"));
45     colorMenu.add(new JMenuItem("Blue"));
46
47         // menu Help - here wil be empty...
48     JMenu helpMenu = new JMenu("Help");
49
50         // adding menus to menu bar
51     JMenuBar menuBar = new JMenuBar();
52     menuBar.add(productMenu);
53     menuBar.add(Box.createHorizontalStrut(20));
54     menuBar.add(colorMenu);
55     menuBar.add(Box.createGlue());
56     menuBar.add(helpMenu);
57
58         // setting menu bar
59     f.setJMenuBar(menuBar);
60
61     f.add(panel);
62     f.pack();
63     f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
64     f.setVisible(true);
65 }
66 }

```

The program displays



Notice that

- By default, the view of the **JMenuBar** is laid out by **Box** layout. Therefore, one can add ‘glues’ and horizontal struts (rigid gaps) between menus: in the example above, there is a strut between ‘Products’ and ‘Color’ menus and a glue between ‘Color’ and ‘Help’ menus (and therefore ‘Help’ is shifted to the right).
- In the submenu lists, one can also add separators by invoking **addSeparator**; in the example there is such a separator between ‘For Men’ and ‘For Children’ submenus.

More examples are provided in section 10.2 (p. 173).

9.11 Dialogs

It is quite common that our application needs to read some data from the user, or display some kind of a message. This can be done by displaying a special type of a window — **JDialog**, which is somewhat similar to **JFrame** but with limited functionality. Objects of this class have an owner (parent window) that one can specify explicitly. The most convenient way of creating and using dialogs is by invoking one of the many static methods of class **JOptionPane**. These are:

- **showConfirmDialog** — asks the user for confirmation (e.g., something like ‘*Do you really want to quit?*’); the possible answers are then ‘yes’, ‘no’, or ‘cancel’.
- **showInputDialog** — prompts the user for some input data; returns a **String** typed by the user, or in some cases a user-selected **Object**.
- **showMessageDialog** — displays some kind of a message.
- **showOptionDialog** — combines functionality of the above three.

All these methods come in many overloaded flavors with different number of parameters. The meaning of these parameters is as follows:

- **parentComponent** — specifies the parent of the dialog (so it will appear on or just below its parent. Setting it to null will result in the dialog appearing in the center of the screen.

- **message** — a message to be placed in the dialog box (usually some kind of a prompt explaining the user what is expected). It does not to be a **String** — its interpretation depends on its type:
 - **Object[]** — an array of objects is interpreted as a series of messages arranged vertically.
 - **Component** — is displayed ‘as is’.
 - **Icon** — the icon is displayed wrapped in a label.
 - for arguments of others types, **toString** is invoked and the returned string is displayed.
- **messageType** — defines the type of the message. Predefined types are specified by one of the integer constants from class **JOptionPane**: **ERROR_MESSAGE**, **INFORMATION_MESSAGE**, **WARNING_MESSAGE**, **QUESTION_MESSAGE** and **PLAIN_MESSAGE**. It will be taken into account for selecting, for example, an appropriate icon (if not set explicitly in the program).
- **optionType** — for dialogs displaying a set of buttons, specifies, if not set explicitly by the program, what buttons will appear. This is also an integer constants defined in class **JOptionPane**: **DEFAULT_OPTION**, **YES_NO_OPTION**, **YES_NO_CANCEL_OPTION** and **OK_CANCEL_OPTION**. However, by specifying explicitly options (see below), one can provide any set of buttons.
- **options** — specifies what buttons will appear in the dialog box: normally, this is an array of **Strings**, but can also be an array of any **Objects**. Then buttons will be created depending on the type of elements:
 - **Component** — the component will be used directly instead of a button;
 - **Icon** — the icon will be used instead of a button;
 - for other types, **toString** will be invoked and the returned string will be used on the button.
- **icon** — specifies a decorative icon to be placed in the dialog box. The default (if there is no corresponding argument or it is **null**) will be determined by the **messageType** parameter (see above).
- **title** — a title to appear on the title bar of the dialog.
- **initialValue** — the default selection (input value) if there are several options.

Some static methods of **JOptionPane** return an **int**; it is equal to one of the predefined constants from class **JOptionPane**: **YES_OPTION**, **NO_OPTION**, **CANCEL_OPTION**, **OK_OPTION** and **CLOSED_OPTION** and corresponds to a button that was clicked by the user (or, if the user just closed the dialog without pressing any button, **CLOSED_OPTION** is returned).

For example, when we want the user to confirm some decision, we can use a **showConfirmDialog** function. The following snippet

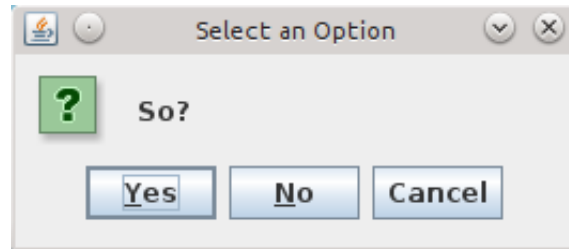
```
int a = JOptionPane.showConfirmDialog(
    null, // parent
    "So?" // message
);
if (a == JOptionPane.YES_OPTION)
    System.out.println("Yes!");
else if (a == JOptionPane.NO_OPTION)
    System.out.println("No!");
```

```

else if (a == JOptionPane.CANCEL_OPTION)
    System.out.println("Canceled!");
else if (a == JOptionPane.CLOSED_OPTION)
    System.out.println("Closed!");
else
    System.out.println("Not possible...!");

```

will display a dialog



and return an **int** which may then be examined, as shown in the example. Actually, there are four overloaded versions of **showConfirmDialog** (see documentation).

The **showConfirmDialog** function can give us only a simple yes/no answer. To request some data, **showInputDialog** may be used instead. It has six overloaded versions, five of which return a **String**. For example

```

String b = JOptionPane.showInputDialog(
    null, // parent
    "Enter an int...", // message
    "42" // initial value
);

int i = 0;
if (b == null || b.trim().equals("")) {
    System.out.println("No value returned");
    i = -1;
} else {
    try {
        i = Integer.parseInt(b);
    } catch (NumberFormatException e) {
        System.out.println("This is not an int!");
        i = -2;
    }
}
System.out.println("i = " + i);

```

returns a **String** which can be then converted to an **int**. When such a dialog is displayed, the default value is already shown in the text field, so the user can just press 'enter' to select it.

There is one version of **showInputDialog** which returns an **Object**, not necessarily a **String**. Let us consider an example. Here we pass an array of references to object of type **CountryLabel** (which extends **JLabel**, but it could be any type). Options represented by the elements of the array, converted to strings by means of **toString** method, are shown in a combo box for the user to select from. After a selection has been made, the corresponding element of the array is returned as an **Object**, but can be safely cast to its real type:

```

1  import java.awt.Dimension;
2  import javax.swing.ImageIcon;
3  import javax.swing.JFrame;
4  import javax.swing.JLabel;
5  import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
6  import static javax.swing.JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE;
7
8  public class CountryDialog {
9      public static void main(String[] args) {
10         JLabel[] opts = {
11             new CountryLabel("Poland","Warsaw"),
12             new CountryLabel("France","Paris"),
13             new CountryLabel("UK","London")};
14         // This version returns Object, not String!!!
15         // Options will be displayed in a combo box.
16         Object c = // will be of type CountryLabel
17             JOptionPane.showInputDialog(
18                 null, // parent component
19                 "Select\ na country", // message
20                 "Selecting a country", // title
21                 JOptionPane.QUESTION_MESSAGE, // message type
22                 null, // icon
23                 opts, // options (objects of any type)
24                 opts[0] // default selection
25             );
26         CountryLabel cl = (CountryLabel)c;
27         if (cl == null) System.out.println("Cancelled");
28         else {
29             JFrame f = new JFrame(cl.toString());
30             f.setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
31             f.add(cl);
32             f.setSize(new Dimension(200,150));
33             f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
34             f.setVisible(true);
35         }
36     }
37 }
38
39 class CountryLabel extends JLabel {
40     String name;
41     String capital;
42     CountryLabel(String n, String c) {
43         super(n + ", capital: " + c,
44             new ImageIcon(n + ".gif"), JLabel.CENTER);
45         setHorizontalTextPosition(JLabel.CENTER);
46         setVerticalTextPosition(JLabel.BOTTOM);
47         name=n;
48         capital=c;

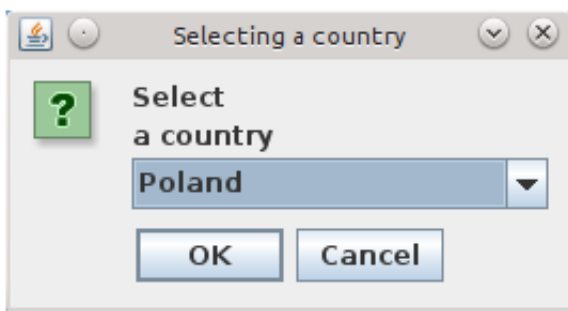
```

```

49     }
50     String getCountryName() { return name; }
51     String getCapital()    { return capital; }
52     @Override
53     public String toString() { return name; }
54 }

```

The program displays first a dialog with options in the form of a combo box, as shown on the left hand side of the figure below



Note that pressing the space bar unfolds the options of the combo box; you can use 'up' and 'down' keys to move around the options, press 'enter' to select one and again 'enter' to finish the selection process. To jump directly to an option, you can just press the key corresponding to the first letter of an option. Therefore, you can do everything without even touching the mouse (power users abhor mice). In the example, after selecting 'UK', you should see a little window shown on the right hand side of the figure.

Using **showOptionDialog**, one can customize texts on the buttons with options:

```

Object[] opts = {"Tea?", "Coffee?", "No, thanks"};
int a = JOptionPane.showOptionDialog(
    null, // parent
    "Would you like...", // message
    "Tea or coffee", // title
    // option type
    JOptionPane.YES_NO_CANCEL_OPTION,
    // message type
    JOptionPane.QUESTION_MESSAGE,
    null, // icon
    opts, // options
    opts[1] // initial value
);
if (a == JOptionPane.YES_OPTION)
    System.out.println("Tea");
else if (a == JOptionPane.NO_OPTION)
    System.out.println("Coffee");
else if (a == JOptionPane.CANCEL_OPTION)
    System.out.println("Nothing");
else if (a == JOptionPane.CLOSED_OPTION)
    System.out.println("Closed!");

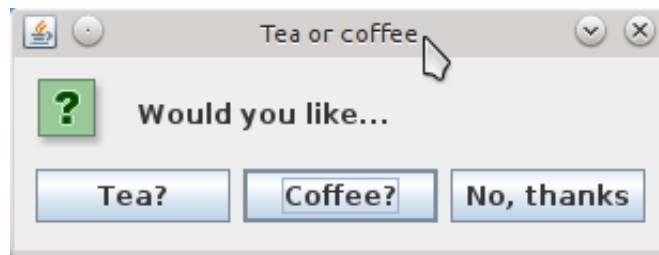
```

```

else
    System.out.println("Not possible...!");

```

For example, if option type is set to YES_NO_CANCEL_OPTION, instead of 'yes', 'no', 'cancel', we will see our texts passed as an array:



However, the returned value still will be one of YES_OPTION, NO_OPTION, CANCEL_OPTION or CLOSED_OPTION.

Another form of a dialog is presented below. Here we display a message dialog, but the function **showMessageDialog** doesn't return anything. However, the 'message' contains a group of radio buttons, and we can find which of them has been selected (after returning from the function) by querying this group of buttons:

Listing 99

MDE-RadioBut/RadioBut.java

```

1  import java.util.Enumeration;
2  import javax.swing.AbstractButton;
3  import javax.swing.ButtonGroup;
4  import javax.swing.Icon;
5  import javax.swing.ImageIcon;
6  import javax.swing.JLabel;
7  import javax.swing.JFrame;
8  import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
9  import javax.swing.JRadioButton;
10
11 public class RadioBut {
12     public static void main(String[] args) {
13         Object[] mess =
14             new Object[3+Stars.values().length];
15         mess[0] = "Select one";
16         mess[1] = "(and only one)";
17         mess[2] = " ";
18         ButtonGroup bgroup = new ButtonGroup();
19         int i = 0;
20         for (Stars s : Stars.values()) {
21             JRadioButton b = new JRadioButton(s.getFirst());
22             b.putClientProperty("star",s);
23             mess[3+i] = b;
24             bgroup.add(b);
25             ++i;
26         }
27
28         JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(

```

```

29         null, mess, // <-- array of Objects
30         "Hard choice...",
31         JOptionPane.QUESTION_MESSAGE, // ignored
32         new ImageIcon("stars.png"));
33
34     Stars star = null;
35     Enumeration<AbstractButton> buttons =
36         bgroup.getElements();
37     while (buttons.hasMoreElements() && star == null) {
38         AbstractButton b = buttons.nextElement();
39         if (b.isSelected()) star =
40             (Stars)b.getClientProperty("star");
41     }
42     if (star != null) {
43         JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,
44             "You have selected " + star.getFirst() +
45             " (" + star + ")", "Your selection",
46             JOptionPane.INFORMATION_MESSAGE);
47         display(star.getIcon());
48     } else {
49         JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,
50             "No star selected!", "No selection",
51             JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
52     }
53 }
54
55 private static void display(Icon icon) {
56     JFrame f = new JFrame("Your star");
57     f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
58     f.add(new JLabel(icon));
59     f.pack();
60     f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
61     f.setVisible(true);
62 }
63 }
64
65 enum Stars {
66     MONICA("monica") {
67         @Override
68         public String toString() {return "Monica Bellucci";}
69     },
70     PENELOPE("penelope") {
71         @Override
72         public String toString() {return "Penelope Cruz";}
73     },
74     CINDY("cindy") {
75         @Override
76         public String toString() {return "Cindy Crawford";}
77     };
78     Icon icon;

```

```

79     Stars(String fname) {
80         icon = new ImageIcon(fname + ".jpg");
81     }
82     Icon getIcon() { return icon; }
83     String getFirst() {
84         return this.toString().split(" ")[0];
85     }
86 }

```

(the example also illustrates non-trivial use of enums, see sect. 3 on p. 41).

A few more examples of dialogs will be presented in sect. 10.2 on p. 173; in particular **JFileChooser** (see Listing 107, p. 189) and **JColorChooser** (see Listing 108, p. 192).

10.1 General remarks

For a computer to be able to interact with the user, a special mechanism must be provided which handles **events**, like pressing a key on the keyboard or moving/dragging or clicking the mouse. As we know, Java has a specialized thread which handles such (and other) events, and, what is important, normally there is one and only one such thread, called **event-dispatch thread**. Events — key presses, mouse movements and clicks, etc. — are, of course, supplied by the operating system: the JVM intercepts them, wraps into objects of types derived from **EventObject** and enqueues them into the **event queue**. Event-dispatch thread dequeues them one by one in the same order as they were enqueued (so it is a FIFO queue) and passes them to *listeners* which has been registered as 'interested' in handling them (it is possible that one or more events will be coalesced into one). Most physical events will just be ignored, as there are no listeners interested in them.

Events are handled by call-back methods invoked on special objects which are registered as **listeners** of events originating from a given source (e.g., a graphical component, like a button) and of a specified type. Not all of them are purely 'physical', some are 'semantic' ones. For example events of type **ActionEvent** may be triggered by various physical events, like clicking a button, pressing 'enter' on the keyboard when a component of type **JTextField** has the focus, or pressing the space bar when the focus is on a **JButton**. But events may also be created without any physical cause — for example modifications of some data can trigger events in such a way that listeners interested in such events will be notified and can somehow react to them.

Let us recapitulate what we already know from the previous chapter: in order to handle events, we need

- a source of events; this can be a graphical component of our GUI or an object representing some data structure;
- a way to attach listeners of events of a specified type and taking place on a given source;
- listener — an object of a class implementing an appropriate interface and therefore providing definitions of its abstract methods; these methods will be invoked automatically as a reaction to an event.

To one source, we can attach many listeners, and the other way around: one listener can be attached to many sources. In order to delegate a listener as a handler of events, we usually invoke a special method

```
source.addXXXListener(listener);
```

where **XXX** specifies the type of events we are interested in; it can be, for example, **Action**, **Mouse**, **MouseMotion**, **Key** etc. The reference **source** refers to an object that has the ability to fire events of the specified type. As the argument, we pass an object which can handle events of the given type: its class has to implement a special interface which declares (as abstract methods) actions that are to be executed after an event of the given type occurred on the given source. Methods of the listener are called automatically: we never invoke them 'manually'. When an event on a given source

occurs, the system checks if there are any objects delegated as listeners of this kind of events originating from this source and, if so, appropriate methods are invoked on these listeners. An object describing the event is passed as the argument. It has to succeed, because listeners must implement the corresponding interfaces (otherwise the program would not even compile). Event-handling methods are usually **public void** and they accept one argument: an object which carries information on the event as, for example, the source of the event, time of occurrence, and also other properties depending on the type of this particular event. For example, events of type **KeyEvent** (pressing a key on the keyboard) contain information about the key that has been pressed, whether or not the control or shift key was pressed simultaneously etc., while events of type **MouseEvent** carry information about the coordinates of the point where the mouse was located, whether the left, middle, or right button was pressed, etc.

There are many various types of events in Java, and therefore many interfaces that must be implemented by their listeners (only a few of them are presented below).

10.2 Action events

Action events are probably the simplest but at the same time very often used. These are ‘semantic’ events that can be created by various ‘physical’ actions. They can be fired, for example, by

- clicking a button
- pressing the space bar when a button has the focus;
- pressing ‘enter’ in an editing field;
- selecting an option from a menu;
- double-clicking on an item of a combo box;
- programmatically, by invoking the **doClick** method on a **JButton**.

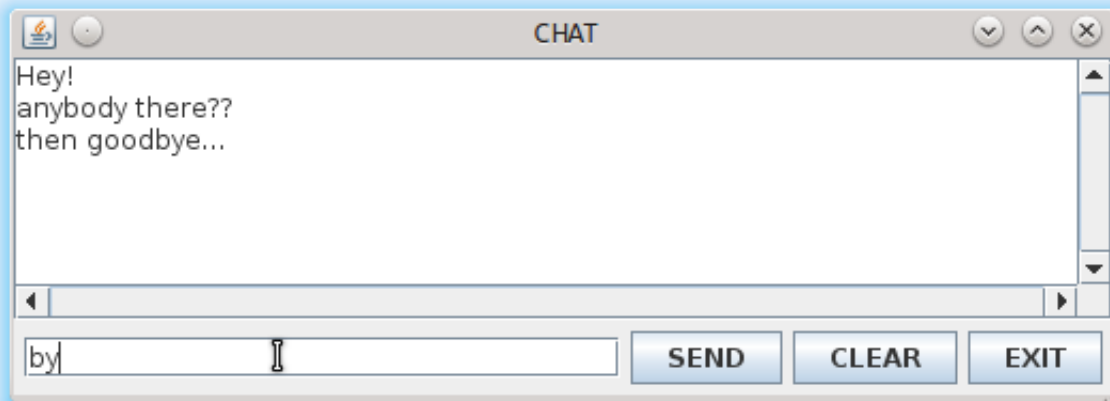
Listeners of action events have to implement the interface **ActionListener** which declares only one method

```
public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e)
```

Declaring only one abstract method makes **ActionListener** a functional interface, which can be implemented by a lambda. An object **listener** implementing the interface can be delegated to play the rôle of a listener by invoking

```
source.addActionListener(listener);
```

Let us consider an example. The program below builds a simple GUI (resembling a typical chat GUI) with a text field, three buttons and a text area. Notice that the same action (variable **send**) is attached to both the text field **tf** and one of the buttons appearing in the southern panel.



Listener for the SEND action is defined as an object of anonymous class extending abstract class **AbstractAction** and providing implementation of the **actionPerformed** method. This is a convenient way to define a listener, because we can pass arguments to a constructor of **AbstractAction**, for example a text which should appear on the button and/or an icon. Of course, we can also use a separate class to define a listener; this is how the listener for bClear is created. As the class **ClearListener** is *not* an inner class, we have to pass references to our text field and text area (via the constructor), because the method **actionPerformed** operates on them. If the implementation of **actionPerformed** is sufficiently simple, we can use a lambda, as we did when creating a listener for the bExit button.

Listing 100

MCI-ChatGui/ChatGUI.java

```
1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
3  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
4  import javax.swing.AbstractAction;
5  import javax.swing.Action;
6  import javax.swing.JButton;
7  import javax.swing.JFrame;
8  import javax.swing.JPanel;
9  import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
10 import javax.swing.JTextArea;
11 import javax.swing.JTextField;
12 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
13
14 public class ChatGUI {
15
16     public static void main(String[] args) {
17         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> createGUI());
18     }
19     private static void createGUI() {
20         JFrame f = new JFrame("CHAT");
21         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
22         JTextArea ta = new JTextArea(7,20);
```

```

23     JTextField tf = new JTextField(25);
24     // object of an anonymous class
25     Action send =
26         new AbstractAction("SEND") {
27             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
28                 ta.append(tf.getText()+"\n");
29                 tf.setText("");
30                 tf.requestFocus();
31             }
32         };
33     tf.addActionListener(send);
34     JScrollPane scr = new JScrollPane(ta,
35         JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS,
36         JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS);
37     f.add(scr, BorderLayout.CENTER);
38
39     JPanel south = new JPanel();
40     south.add(tf);
41     south.add(new JButton(send));
42     JButton bClear = new JButton("CLEAR");
43     // object of a separate class
44     bClear.addActionListener(new ClearListener(ta,tf));
45     JButton bExit = new JButton("EXIT");
46     // lambda
47     bExit.addActionListener(e -> System.exit(0));
48     south.add(bClear);
49     south.add(bExit);
50     f.add(south, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
51
52     f.pack();
53     f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
54     f.setVisible(true);
55     tf.requestFocus();
56 }
57 }
58
59 class ClearListener implements ActionListener {
60     JTextArea ta;
61     JTextField tf;
62     ClearListener(JTextArea a, JTextField f) {
63         ta = a;
64         tf = f;
65     }
66     @Override
67     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
68         ta.setText("");
69         tf.setText("");
70         tf.requestFocus();
71     }
72 }

```

The next example is similar, but we added a menu (see sect. 9.10 on p. 161 and the example in Listing 97). Note that **JMenuItems** are, in a sense, buttons, as this class inherits from **AbstractButton**.

Listing 101

MCO-GuiMenu/ChatGUIMenu.java

```
1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Color;
3  import java.awt.Font;
4  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
5  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
6  import javax.swing.AbstractAction;
7  import javax.swing.Action;
8  import javax.swing.Box;
9  import javax.swing.JButton;
10 import javax.swing.JFrame;
11 import javax.swing.JMenu;
12 import javax.swing.JMenuBar;
13 import javax.swing.JMenuItem;
14 import javax.swing.JPanel;
15 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
16 import javax.swing.JTextArea;
17 import javax.swing.JTextField;
18 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
19
20 public class ChatGUIMenu {
21
22     public static void main(String[] args) {
23         final JFrame f = new JFrame("CHAT");
24         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
25         final JTextArea ta = new JTextArea(7,20);
26         final JTextField tf = new JTextField(25);
27         Action send =
28             new AbstractAction("SEND") {
29                 public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
30                     ta.append(tf.getText()+"\n");
31                     tf.setText("");
32                     tf.requestFocus();
33                 }
34             };
35         tf.addActionListener(send);
36         JScrollPane scr = new JScrollPane(ta,
37             JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS,
38             JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS);
39         f.add(scr, BorderLayout.CENTER);
40
41         JPanel south = new JPanel();
42         south.add(tf);
43         south.add(new JButton(send));
44         south.add(new JButton(
```

```

45         new AbstractAction("CLEAR") {
46             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
47                 ta.setText("");
48                 tf.setText("");
49                 tf.requestFocus();
50             }
51         }
52     ));
53     south.add(new JButton(
54         new AbstractAction("EXIT") {
55             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e){
56                 System.exit(0);
57             }
58         }
59     ));
60
61     f.add(south, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
62
63     JMenuBar bar = new JMenuBar();
64     JMenu mainMenu = new JMenu("View");
65     JMenu helpMenu = new JMenu("Help");
66     bar.add(mainMenu);
67     bar.add(Box.createGlue());
68     bar.add(helpMenu);
69     f.setJMenuBar(bar);
70
71     JMenu menuBG = new JMenu("Background");
72     mainMenu.add(menuBG);
73     ActionListener bgListener = new ActionListener() {
74         @Override
75         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
76             JMenuItem item = (JMenuItem)e.getSource();
77             String s = item.getText();
78             if ("red".equals(s)) {
79                 ta.setBackground(Color.RED);
80             } else if ("green".equals(s)) {
81                 ta.setBackground(Color.GREEN);
82             } else if ("blue".equals(s)) {
83                 ta.setBackground(Color.BLUE);
84             }
85         }
86     };
87     JMenuItem bgRed = new JMenuItem("red");
88     bgRed.addActionListener(bgListener);
89     JMenuItem bgGreen = new JMenuItem("green");
90     bgGreen.addActionListener(bgListener);
91     JMenuItem bgBlue = new JMenuItem("blue");
92     bgBlue.addActionListener(bgListener);
93     menuBG.add(bgRed);
94     menuBG.add(bgGreen);

```

```

95     menuBG.add(bgBlue);
96
97     JMenu menuFG = new JMenu("Foreground");
98     mainMenu.add(menuFG);
99     ActionListener fgListener = new ActionListener() {
100         @Override
101         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
102             JMenuItem item = (JMenuItem)e.getSource();
103             String s = item.getText();
104             if ("white".equals(s)) {
105                 ta.setForeground(Color.WHITE);
106             } else if ("yellow".equals(s)) {
107                 ta.setForeground(Color.YELLOW);
108             } else if ("magenta".equals(s)) {
109                 ta.setForeground(Color.MAGENTA);
110             }
111         }
112     };
113     JMenuItem fgWhite = new JMenuItem("white");
114     fgWhite.addActionListener(fgListener);
115     JMenuItem fgYellow = new JMenuItem("yellow");
116     fgYellow.addActionListener(fgListener);
117     JMenuItem fgMagenta = new JMenuItem("magenta");
118     fgMagenta.addActionListener(fgListener);
119     menuFG.add(fgWhite);
120     menuFG.add(fgYellow);
121     menuFG.add(fgMagenta);
122
123     JMenu menuFN = new JMenu("Size");
124     mainMenu.add(menuFN);
125     ActionListener fnListener = new ActionListener() {
126         @Override
127         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
128             JMenuItem item = (JMenuItem)e.getSource();
129             String s = item.getText();
130             if ("small".equals(s)) {
131                 ta.setFont(new Font(
132                     "Monospaced",Font.PLAIN,12));
133             } else if ("medium".equals(s)) {
134                 ta.setFont(new Font(
135                     "Monospaced",Font.PLAIN,18));
136             } else if ("big".equals(s)) {
137                 ta.setFont(new Font(
138                     "Monospaced",Font.PLAIN,26));
139             }
140         }
141     };
142     JMenuItem fnSmall = new JMenuItem("small");
143     fnSmall.addActionListener(fnListener);
144     JMenuItem fnMedium = new JMenuItem("medium");

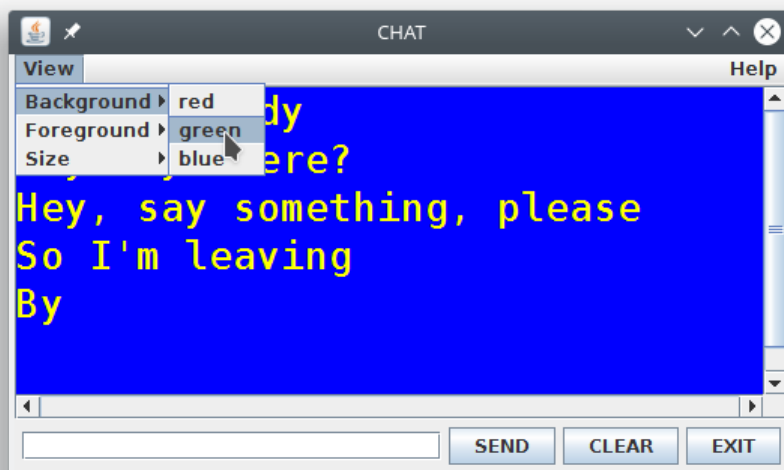
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```

145     fnMedium.addActionListener(fnListener);
146     JMenuItem fnBig = new JMenuItem("big");
147     fnBig.addActionListener(fnListener);
148     menuFN.add(fnSmall);
149     menuFN.add(fnMedium);
150     menuFN.add(fnBig);
151
152     SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> {
153         f.pack();
154         f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
155         f.setVisible(true);
156     });
157 }
158 }

```

The program displays:



The example below shows how to create and handle menus and also how to attach a shortcut which can be used to select an option without even unfolding a menu (remember that **JMenuItems** are also a source of **ActionEvents**). It also shows how to use icons on menu items (which are in fact sort of buttons):

Listing 102

MCZ-Menu/Menu.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Dimension;
3  import javax.swing.Box;
4  import javax.swing.ImageIcon;
5  import javax.swing.JFrame;
6  import javax.swing.JMenu;
7  import javax.swing.JMenuBar;
8  import javax.swing.JMenuItem;

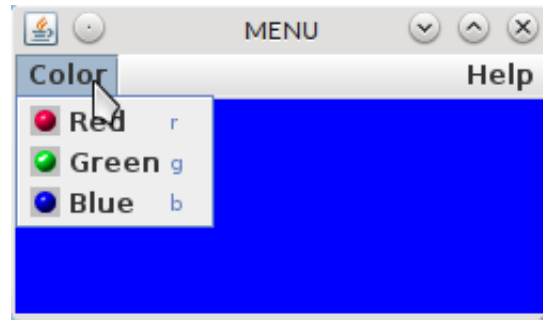
```

```

9  import javax.swing.JPanel;
10 import javax.swing.KeyStroke;
11
12 public class Menu {
13     public static void main (String[] args) {
14         JFrame f = new JFrame("MENU");
15         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
16         JPanel panel = new JPanel();
17         panel.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(250,100));
18
19         // main menu bar
20         JMenuBar menuBar = new JMenuBar();
21
22         // menu Color
23         JMenu colorMenu = new JMenu("Color");
24         // adding menu items`
25         colorMenu.add(getItem(panel, "Red", Color.RED,
26             "red.gif", 'r'));
27         colorMenu.add(getItem(panel, "Green", Color.GREEN,
28             "green.gif", 'g'));
29         colorMenu.add(getItem(panel, "Blue", Color.BLUE,
30             "blue.gif", 'b'));
31
32         // menu Help
33         JMenu helpMenu = new JMenu("Help");
34
35         // adding menus to menu bar
36         menuBar.add(colorMenu);
37         menuBar.add(Box.createGlue());
38         menuBar.add(helpMenu);
39
40         // setting menu bar
41         f.setJMenuBar(menuBar);
42         f.add(panel);
43         f.pack();
44         f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
45         f.setVisible(true);
46     }
47     // a helper static method
48     private static JMenuItem getItem(JPanel p, String n,
49         Color c, String gif, char accel) {
50         JMenuItem m = new JMenuItem(n, new ImageIcon(gif));
51         m.setAccelerator(KeyStroke.getKeyStroke(accel));
52         m.addActionListener(e -> {
53             p.setBackground(c); p.repaint();
54         });
55         return m;
56     }
57 }

```


which shows



The next example also illustrates handling **ActionEvents**:

Listing 103

MCR-TextFields/TextFields.java

```
1  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
2  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
3  import java.awt.Font;
4  import java.awt.FlowLayout;
5  import java.awt.GridLayout;
6  import javax.swing.AbstractAction;
7  import javax.swing.JButton;
8  import javax.swing.JFrame;
9  import javax.swing.JPanel;
10 import javax.swing.JTextField;
11 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
12
13 public class TextFields extends JFrame {
14
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         new TextFields();
17     }
18
19     TextFields() {
20         super("Test Fields");
21         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
22
23         setLayout(new GridLayout(3,1,5,10));
24
25         JTextField lower = new JTextField(15);
26         JTextField upper = new JTextField(15);
27         lower.setFont(new Font("Dialog",Font.PLAIN,20));
28         upper.setFont(new Font("Dialog",Font.PLAIN,20));
29
30         // listener as an object of an anonymous class
31         lower.addActionListener(
32             new ActionListener() {
33                 public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
34                     upper.requestFocus();
35                     upper.selectAll();
36                 }
37             }
38         );
39     }
40 }
```

```

37         });
38         // listener as na object of an external class
39         upper.addActionListener(new UpperListener(lower));
40
41         JButton u2l = new JButton(
42             new AbstractAction("\u2193\u2193\u2193") {
43                 public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
44                     lower.setText(upper.getText());
45                     upper.setText("");
46                     lower.selectAll();
47                     lower.requestFocus();
48                 }
49             });
50         JButton exit = new JButton(
51             new AbstractAction("Exit") {
52                 public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
53                     System.exit(0);
54                 }
55             });
56         JButton l2u = new JButton(
57             new AbstractAction("\u2191\u2191\u2191") {
58                 public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
59                     upper.setText(lower.getText());
60                     lower.setText("");
61                     upper.selectAll();
62                     upper.requestFocus();
63                 }
64             });
65         JPanel center = new JPanel();
66         center.setLayout(new FlowLayout());
67         center.add(u2l); center.add(exit); center.add(l2u);
68
69         add(upper);
70         add(center);
71         add(lower);
72
73         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> {
74             pack();
75             setLocationRelativeTo(null);
76             setVisible(true);
77         });
78     }
79 }
80
81 class UpperListener implements ActionListener {
82     JTextField tf;
83
84     UpperListener(JTextField tf) {
85         this.tf = tf;
86     }

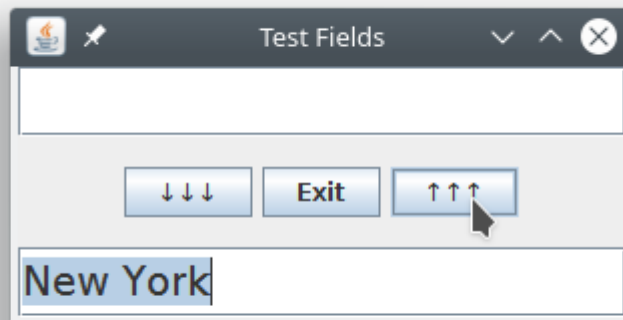
```

```

87
88     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
89         tf.requestFocus();
90         tf.selectAll();
91     }
92 }

```

The program displays



Components which fire action events are often equipped with tool tips and mnemonics — this is shown in the example below:

Listing 104

MCV-Listeners/Listeners.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.GridLayout;
3  import java.awt.Font;
4  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
5  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
6  import java.util.Date;
7  import java.util.Locale;
8  import java.text.SimpleDateFormat;
9  import javax.swing.BorderFactory;
10 import javax.swing.JButton;
11 import javax.swing.JLabel;
12 import javax.swing.JFrame;
13 import javax.swing.JPanel;
14 import javax.swing.JTextField;
15 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
16 import static java.awt.event.KeyEvent.VK_T;
17 import static java.awt.event.KeyEvent.VK_U;
18
19 public class Listeners extends JFrame {
20
21     public static void main(String[] args) {

```

```

22     new Listeners("Listeners");
23 }
24
25 Listeners(String windowTitle) {
26     super(windowTitle);
27     setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
28
29     // Label
30     JLabel label = new JLabel();
31     label.setFont(new Font("SansSerif",Font.BOLD,18));
32     label.setBorder(BorderFactory.createCompoundBorder(
33         BorderFactory.createTitledBorder("Result"),
34         BorderFactory.createEmptyBorder(10,5,16,5)));
35
36     // Text
37     JTextField field = new JTextField(40);
38     field.setFont(new Font("Dialog",Font.ITALIC,16));
39     field.setForeground(new Color(255,153,0));
40
41     // First button - Exit
42     JButton bExit = new JButton("Exit");
43     bExit.setBackground(new Color(102,0,0));
44     bExit.setForeground(new Color(255,255,153));
45     bExit.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {
46         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
47             System.exit(0);
48         }
49     });
50
51     // Second button - Time
52     JButton bTime = new JButton("Time");
53     bTime.setToolTipText("<html>Press to see<br />" +
54         "current time (Alt-T)");
55     bTime.setMnemonic(VK_T);
56     bTime.addActionListener(
57         new TimeListener(label,field));
58
59     // Third button - convert to upper case.
60     // Same action on text field
61     JButton bUppe = new JButton("Upper");
62     bUppe.setToolTipText("<html>Press to move<br />" +
63         "the text up (Alt-U)");
64     bUppe.setMnemonic(VK_U);
65     ActionListener act = new ActionListener() {
66         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
67             String s = field.getText().toUpperCase();
68             label.setText(s);
69             field.setText("");
70             field.requestFocus();
71         }

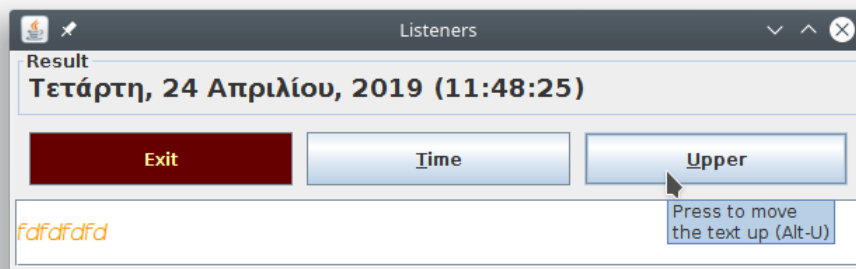
```

```

72     };
73     bUppe.addActionListener(act);
74     field.addActionListener(act);
75
76     // panel with buttons
77     JPanel buttons =
78         new JPanel(new GridLayout(1,0,10,2));
79     buttons.setBorder(
80         BorderFactory.createEmptyBorder(5,9,5,9));
81     buttons.add(bExit);
82     buttons.add(bTime);
83     buttons.add(bUppe);
84
85     // layout of the frame (its ContentPane)
86     setLayout(new GridLayout(0,1,10,5));
87
88     add(label);
89     add(buttons);
90     add(field);
91
92     SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> {
93         pack();
94         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
95         setVisible(true);
96         field.requestFocus();
97     });
98 }
99 }
100
101 class TimeListener implements ActionListener {
102     JLabel        label;
103     JTextField    field;
104     SimpleDateFormat dateFormat;
105
106     TimeListener(JLabel label, JTextField field) {
107         this.label = label;
108         this.field = field;
109         dateFormat = new SimpleDateFormat(
110             "EEEE, d MMMM, yyyy (kk:mm:ss)",
111             new Locale("el","GR"));
112     }
113
114     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
115         String s = dateFormat.format(new Date());
116         label.setText(s);
117         field.requestFocus();
118     }
119 }

```

which displays



Mnemonics (and tool tips) may also be set by explicit use of input and action maps:

Listing 105

MES-InpActMaps/ButtAct.java

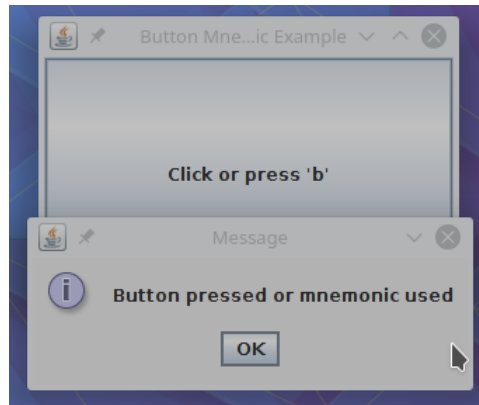
```
1 import java.awt.Dimension;
2 import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
3 import javax.swing.AbstractAction;
4 import javax.swing.Action;
5 import javax.swing.JButton;
6 import javax.swing.JFrame;
7 import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
8 import javax.swing.KeyStroke;
9
10 public class ButtAct {
11     public static void main(String[] args) {
12         JFrame f = new JFrame("Button Mnemonic Example");
13         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
14
15         Action bAction = new BAction("Click or press 'b'",
16                                     "just a button...");
17         JButton button = new JButton(bAction);
18         button.getInputMap()
19             .put(KeyStroke.getKeyStroke('b'),
20                "Click Me Button");
21         button.getActionMap()
22             .put("Click Me Button", bAction);
23         f.add(button);
24         f.setSize(new Dimension(300,200));
25         f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
26         f.setVisible(true);
27     }
28 }
29
30 class BAction extends AbstractAction {
31     public BAction(String text, String d) {
32         super(text);
33         putValue(SHORT_DESCRIPTION, d);
```

```

34     }
35     @Override
36     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
37         JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,
38             "Button pressed or mnemonic used");
39     }
40 }

```

The program displays



Very often, we can attach the same listener to many sources of common type, e.g., **JButton**. When events arrive to the listener's method, we have to know which component has fired the event and, possibly, we need some additional information from the source. Fortunately, there is a simple mechanism by which we can pass such additional information from the source of an event to its receiver. For sources extending **AbstractButton** (as **JButton**, **JMenuItem** or **JToggleButton**) we can, by invoking **setActionCommand(String)**, assign a string to the component, which then can be read from the source of the event (`event.getSource()`) by invoking **getActionCommand**. If not set explicitly, action command is just a label on the button. This, however, is not always practical, as many buttons may have the same text on them, or this text depends, e.g., on localization, or it is modified dynamically during execution. If we set the action command explicitly, we can ensure its uniqueness and its constant value.

Even more powerful mechanism for passing information from the source of an event to its receiver is provided by the so called client properties. Any **JComponent** contains a, initially empty, map with both keys and values declared as having type **Object**. Calling on any component

```
putClientProperty(key,value)
```

we can add any entry to this map. The values put to the map can then be fetched by invoking on the source of an event

```
getClientProperty(key)
```

Below, we present an example of both mechanism:

Listing 106

MET-CliProp/CliProp.java

```

1  import java.awt.*;
2  import java.awt.event.*;

```

```

3  import javax.swing.*;
4
5  public class CliProp extends JFrame
6      implements ActionListener {
7      MyPanel center = new MyPanel();
8
9      public static void main(String[] args) {
10         new CliProp();
11     }
12     private CliProp() {
13         super("Client Props");
14         setDefaultCloseOperation(DISPOSE_ON_CLOSE);
15         center.setFont(new Font("Monospaced",Font.BOLD,16));
16         Color[] fcols = {Color.RED,Color.BLUE,Color.GREEN};
17         Color[] bcols = {Color.BLUE,Color.BLACK,Color.RED};
18         JPanel north = new JPanel();
19
20         for (int i = 0; i < fcols.length; ++i) {
21             JButton b = new JButton("Button no " +(i+1));
22             b.putClientProperty("fcolor",fcols[i]);
23             b.putClientProperty("bcolor",bcols[i]);
24             b.setActionCommand("Action " + (i+1));
25             b.addActionListener(this);
26             north.add(b);
27         }
28         add(north, BorderLayout.NORTH);
29         center.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300,200));
30         add(center, BorderLayout.CENTER);
31
32         setSize(new Dimension(500,250));
33         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
34         setVisible(true);
35     }
36
37     public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
38         JButton but = (JButton)e.getSource();
39         Color f = (Color)but.getClientProperty("fcolor");
40         Color b = (Color)but.getClientProperty("bcolor");
41         center.setMessages(new String[]{
42             "Fore: " + f,
43             "Back: " + b,
44             "ActC: " + but.getActionCommand(),
45             "Text: " + but.getText()
46         });
47         center.setForeground(f);
48         center.setBackground(b);
49         center.repaint();
50     }
51
52     class MyPanel extends JPanel {

```

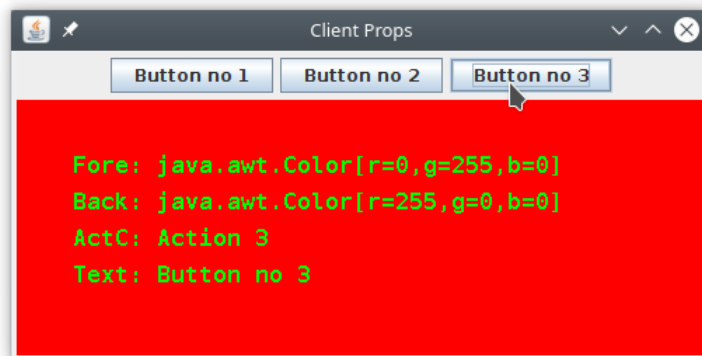


```

53     String[] mesg = {" "};
54     void setMessages(String[] m) { mesg = m; }
55     @Override
56     public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
57         super.paintComponent(g);
58         int h = getHeight();
59         int step = h/(mesg.length+3), y = 2*step;
60         for (int i=0; i < mesg.length; ++i, y += step)
61             g.drawString(mesg[i], 40, y);
62     }
63 }
64 }

```

The program displays



Action listeners can also be attached to dialogs of type **JFileChooser**. Its static method **showOpenDialog** displays a modal dialog and returns an **int**, and if it's equal to the constant **APPROVE_OPTION** defined in **JFileChooser** class, then we can fetch the file selected by invoking **getSelectedFile** on a **JFileChooser**. This, however, will not work if we embed the dialog into a component and keep it open. In such situation, we can attach an action listener to the **JFileChooser** component; an event passed to **actionPerformed** will carry, in its 'action command', information about whether a file has been selected (then it will be equal to string **APPROVE_SELECTION** from class **JFileChooser**). Both approaches are illustrated in the following example:

Listing 107

MDF-FChooser/FChooser.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Font;
3  import java.awt.Insets;
4  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
5  import java.io.File;
6  import java.io.IOException;
7  import java.nio.file.Files;
8  import java.nio.file.Path;
9  import javax.swing.BoxLayout;
10 import javax.swing.JButton;

```

```

11 import javax.swing.JFileChooser;
12 import javax.swing.JFrame;
13 import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
14 import javax.swing.JPanel;
15 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
16 import javax.swing.JTextArea;
17 import static java.awt.Component.CENTER_ALIGNMENT;
18
19 public class FChooser extends JPanel {
20     public FChooser() {
21         JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,
22             "First select a directory...",
23             "Message",
24             JOptionPane.INFORMATION_MESSAGE);
25         JFileChooser dir = new JFileChooser(
26             System.getProperty("user.dir"));
27         dir.setFileSelectionMode(
28             JFileChooser.DIRECTORIES_ONLY);
29         File root = null;
30         while (root == null) {
31             int r = dir.showOpenDialog(null);
32             if (r == JFileChooser.APPROVE_OPTION)
33                 root = dir.getSelectedFile();
34             else if (r == JFileChooser.CANCEL_OPTION)
35                 System.exit(1);
36         }
37
38         JFileChooser fc = new JFileChooser(root);
39         fc.setFileSelectionMode(
40             JFileChooser.FILES_AND_DIRECTORIES);
41         JTextArea ta = new JTextArea(11,30);
42         fc.addActionListener(e -> {
43             if (e.getActionCommand().equals(
44                 JFileChooser.APPROVE_SELECTION))
45                 info(fc.getSelectedFile().getPath(),ta,
46                     "OPENING FILE");
47         });
48
49         ta.setMargin(new Insets(10,10,10,10));
50         ta.setEditable(false);
51         ta.setFont(new Font("Dialog",Font.BOLD,14));
52         ta.setBackground(new Color(153,0,0));
53         ta.setForeground(new Color(255,255,0));
54         JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(ta);
55
56         JButton save = new JButton("Save");
57         save.setAlignmentX(CENTER_ALIGNMENT);
58         save.addActionListener(e -> {
59             JFileChooser sav = new JFileChooser(
60                 System.getProperty("user.home"));

```

```

61         int r = sav.showSaveDialog(ta);
62         if (r == JFileChooser.APPROVE_OPTION)
63             info(sav.getSelectedFile().getPath(),ta,
64                 "SAVING FILE");
65     });
66     setLayout(new BoxLayout(this,BoxLayout.Y_AXIS));
67     add(fc);
68     add(scroll);
69     add(save);
70 }
71
72 private void info(Path path, JTextArea ta, String msg) {
73     ta.setText("");
74     String nl = System.getProperty("line.separator");
75     StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder(200);
76     sb.append(msg + " " + path + nl);
77     boolean exists = Files.exists(path);
78     if (!exists)
79         sb.append("NEW FILE");
80     else {
81         try {
82             sb.append("Owner: " +
83                 Files.getOwner(path) + nl);
84             sb.append("Size: " +
85                 Files.size(path) + nl);
86             sb.append("Last modified: " +
87                 Files.getLastModifiedTime(path) + nl);
88             sb.append("Is directory: " +
89                 Files.isDirectory(path) + nl);
90             sb.append("Is executable: " +
91                 Files.isExecutable(path) + nl);
92             sb.append("Is readable: " +
93                 Files.isReadable(path) + nl);
94             sb.append("Is writable: " +
95                 Files.isWritable(path) + nl);
96             sb.append("Is symbolic link: " +
97                 Files.isSymbolicLink(path) + nl);
98             sb.append("Is hidden: " +
99                 Files.isHidden(path) + nl);
100         } catch (IOException e) {
101             sb.append("ERROR WHEN RETRIEVING INFO");
102         }
103     }
104     ta.setText(sb.toString());
105 }
106
107 public static void main(String[] args) {
108     JFrame f = new JFrame("File Chooser");
109     f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
110     f.add(new FChooser());

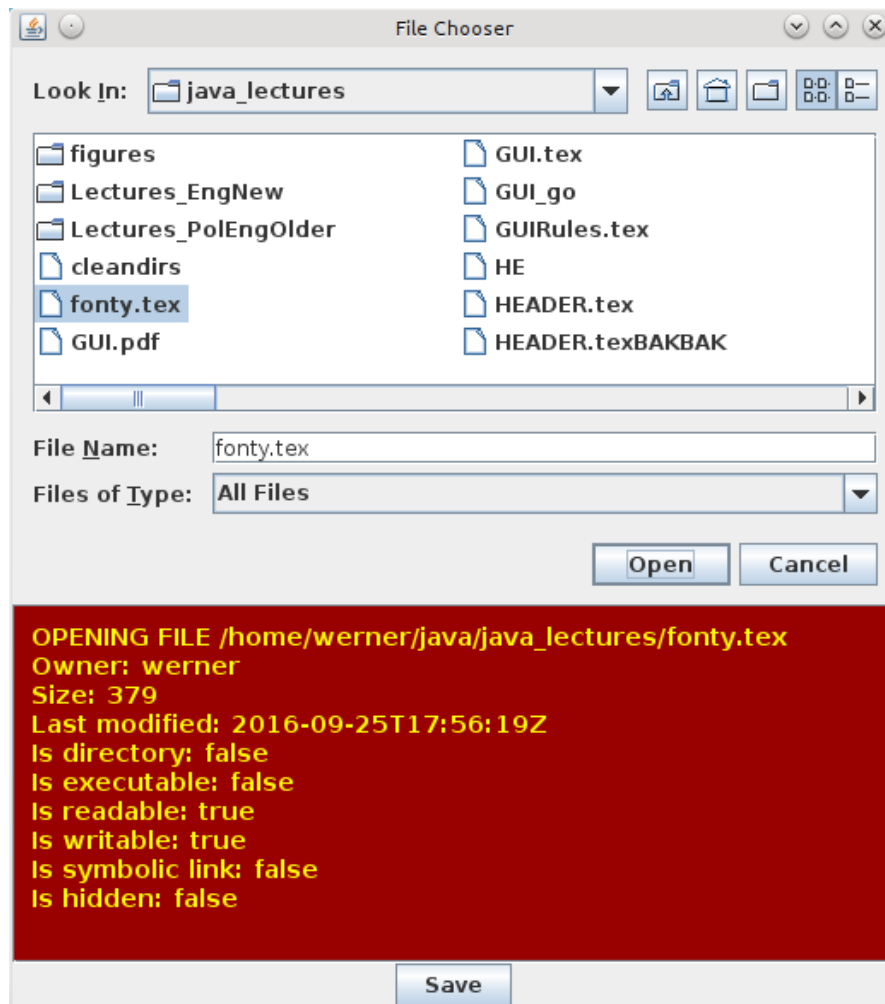
```

```

111     f.pack();
112     f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
113     f.setVisible(true);
114 }
115 }

```

which shows



A similar approach may be used in the case of color selection dialog (**JColorChooser**). This time, we do not attach an action listener, but rather **ChangeListener**, but this is also a very simple functional interface with only one abstract method **stateChanged**. However, it has to be attached *not* to the component **JColorChooser** itself, but to its **model**, available by invoking **getSelectionModel** returning **ColorSelectionModel** (more on models, later).

The example below shows an application which allows the user to experiment with foreground and background colors:

Listing 108

MDG-CChooser/CChooser.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Dimension;
3  import java.awt.Font;
4  import java.awt.Graphics;

```

```

5 import java.awt.Graphics2D;
6 import java.awt.RenderingHints;
7 import javax.swing.BorderFactory;
8 import javax.swing.BoxLayout;
9 import javax.swing.JColorChooser;
10 import javax.swing.JFrame;
11 import javax.swing.JPanel;
12 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
13 import javax.swing.colorchooser.ColorSelectionModel;
14
15 public class CChooser extends JPanel {
16     public CChooser() {
17         MyPanel panel = new MyPanel(Color.YELLOW, Color.BLUE);
18         panel.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300, 180));
19
20         JColorChooser fg = new JColorChooser();
21         fg.setBorder(BorderFactory.createTitledBorder(
22             "Foreground"));
23         ColorSelectionModel modelFG = fg.getSelectionModel();
24         // lambda defines stateChanged(ChangeEvent)
25         // in ChangeListener functional interface
26         modelFG.addChangeListener(e -> {
27             panel.setFG(modelFG.getSelectedColor());
28         });
29
30         JColorChooser bg = new JColorChooser();
31         bg.setBorder(BorderFactory.createTitledBorder(
32             "Background"));
33         ColorSelectionModel modelBG = bg.getSelectionModel();
34         // lambda defines stateChanged(ChangeEvent)
35         // in ChangeListener functional interface
36         modelBG.addChangeListener(e -> {
37             panel.setBG(modelBG.getSelectedColor());
38         });
39
40         setLayout(new BoxLayout(this, BoxLayout.Y_AXIS));
41         add(fg);
42         add(panel);
43         add(bg);
44     }
45
46     public static void main(String[] args) {
47         JFrame f = new JFrame("File Chooser");
48         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
49         f.add(new JScrollPane(new CChooser(),
50             JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS,
51             JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS));
52         f.pack();
53         f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
54         f.setVisible(true);

```

```

55     }
56 }
57
58 class MyPanel extends JPanel {
59     Color fg, bg;
60     private static String st = "AaBbCcDd EeFfGgHh IiJjKkLl";
61     private static Font[] fonts = {
62         new Font("Serif", Font.PLAIN, 8),
63         new Font("SansSerif", Font.ITALIC, 10),
64         new Font("Monospaced", Font.BOLD, 12),
65         new Font("Dialog", Font.ITALIC | Font.BOLD, 14),
66     };
67     MyPanel(Color fg, Color bg) {
68         this.fg = fg;
69         this.bg = bg;
70     }
71     @Override
72     public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
73         super.paintComponent(g);
74         setBackground(bg);
75         g.setColor(fg);
76         int h = getHeight(), w = getWidth(),
77             s = 15, half = w/2;
78         // no antialiasing
79         for (int x=s, y1=s, y2=h-2*s; x < half-s; x += s) {
80             g.drawOval(x,y1,s-1,s-1);
81             g.fillOval(x,y2,s,s);
82         }
83         int y = 3*s;
84         int i = 0;
85         while (y < h-3*s) {
86             g.setFont(fonts[i]);
87             g.drawString(st,2*s,y);
88             y += s;
89             i = (i+1)%fonts.length;
90         }
91
92         setAntialiasing(g);
93
94         // with antialiasing
95         for (int x=half+s, y1=s, y2=h-2*s; x < w-s; x += s) {
96             g.drawOval(x,y1,s-1,s-1);
97             g.fillOval(x,y2,s,s);
98         }
99         y = 3*s;
100        int i = 0;
101        while (y < h-3*s) {
102            g.setFont(fonts[i]);
103            g.drawString(st,half+2*s,y);
104            y += s;

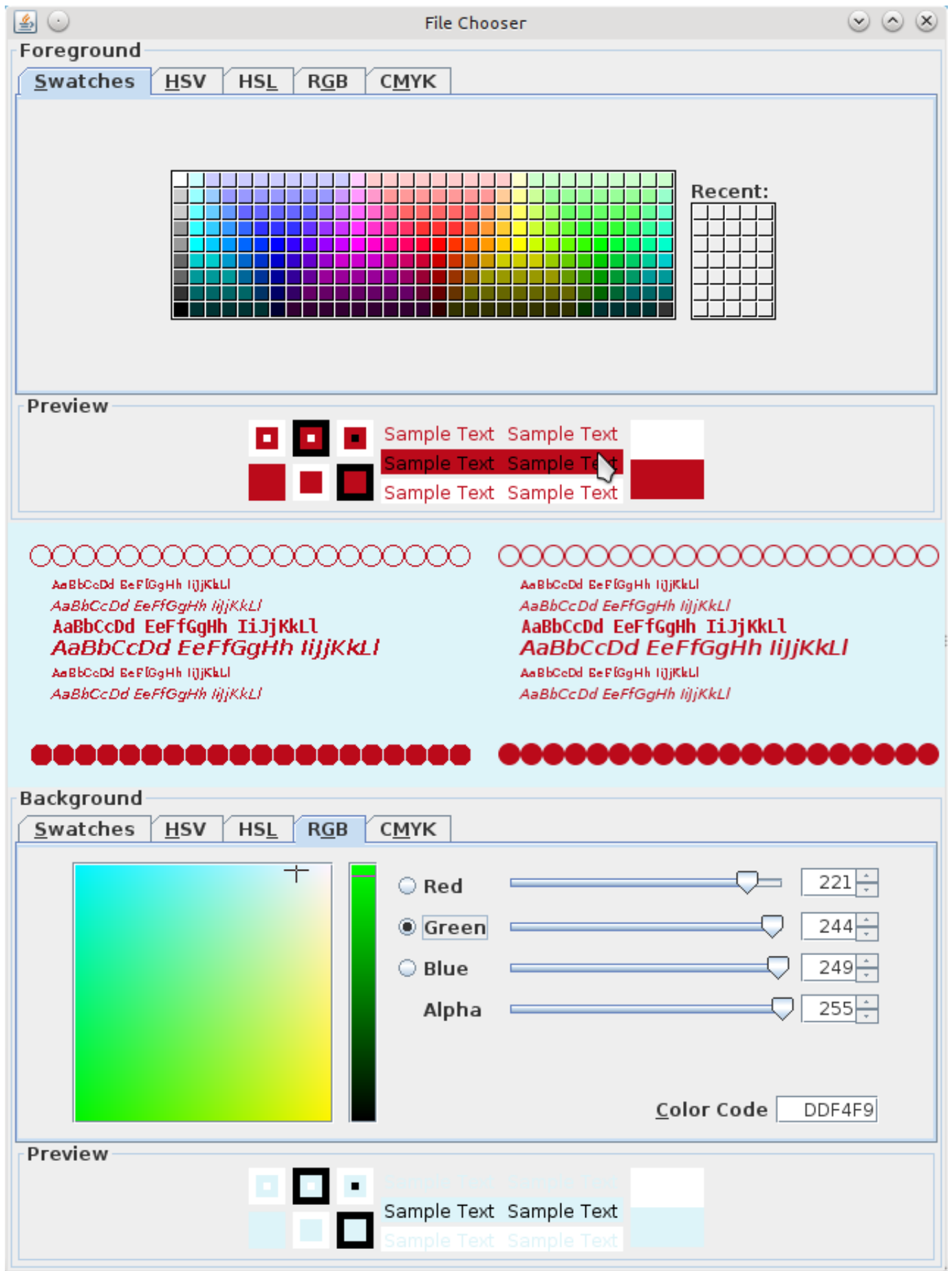
```

```

105         i = (i+1)%fonts.length;
106     }
107 }
108 public void setFG(Color c) {
109     fg = c;
110     repaint();
111 }
112 public void setBG(Color c) {
113     bg = c;
114     setBackground(c);
115     repaint();
116 }
117 private static void setAntialiasing(Graphics g) {
118     Graphics2D g2 = (Graphics2D)g;
119     g2.setRenderingHint(
120         RenderingHints.KEY_ANTIALIASING,
121         RenderingHints.VALUE_ANTIALIAS_ON);
122     g2.setRenderingHint(
123         RenderingHints.KEY_TEXT_ANTIALIASING,
124         RenderingHints.VALUE_TEXT_ANTIALIAS_ON);
125 }
126 }

```

(the example shows also the influence of switching anti-aliasing on and off). The interface displayed by the program looks like this:



Yet another example of using action events to control the graphical interface:


```
1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Dimension;
3  import java.awt.GridLayout;
4  import java.awt.Rectangle;
5  import javax.swing.ImageIcon;
6  import javax.swing.BorderFactory;
7  import javax.swing.JButton;
8  import javax.swing.JFrame;
9  import javax.swing.JLabel;
10 import javax.swing.JPanel;
11 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
12 import javax.swing.UIManager;
13
14 public class ScrollEx extends JFrame {
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         new ScrollEx();
17     }
18
19     ScrollEx() {
20         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
21
22         // colors
23         Color heaC = new Color(219,232,255),
24             fraC = Color.BLACK;
25         // cell dimensions
26         Dimension cellDim = new Dimension(32,40),
27             cellRow = new Dimension(32,40);
28         int rows = 30, cols = 26;
29         String[] lit = new String[cols];
30
31         // row of column headers
32         JPanel colHead = new JPanel(
33             new GridLayout(1,cols,1,1));
34         colHead.setBackground(heaC);
35         for (int c = 0; c < cols; ++c) {
36             lit[c] = "" + (char) ('A'+c);
37             colHead.add(createLabel(lit[c],fraC,cellDim));
38         }
39
40         // column of row headers
41         JPanel rowHead = new JPanel(
42             new GridLayout(rows,1,1,1));
43         rowHead.setBackground(heaC);
44         for (int r = 0; r < rows; ++r)
45             rowHead.add(createLabel(""+(r+1),fraC,cellRow));
46
47         // content
48         JPanel content = new JPanel(
```

```

49         new GridLayout(rows, cols,1,1));
50     for (int r = 0; r < rows; ++r)
51         for (int c = 0; c < cols; ++c)
52             content.add(createLabel(lit[c]+(r+1),
53                                     fraC, cellDim));
54
55     UIManager.put("ScrollBar.width", 32);
56     JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane();
57     scroll.setViewportViewView(content);
58     scroll.setRowHeaderView(rowHead);
59     scroll.setColumnHeaderView(colHead);
60
61     // corners
62     JButton upperLeft = new JButton(
63         new ImageIcon("ArrUL.png"));
64     JButton lowerLeft = new JButton(
65         new ImageIcon("ArrLL.png"));
66     JButton upperRight = new JButton(
67         new ImageIcon("ArrUR.png"));
68     JButton lowerRight = new JButton(
69         new ImageIcon("ArrLR.png"));
70     upperLeft.addActionListener(e -> {
71         content.scrollRectToVisible(
72             new Rectangle(0,0,1,1));
73     });
74     lowerLeft.addActionListener(e -> {
75         content.scrollRectToVisible(
76             new Rectangle(0,
77                 content.getHeight()-1,1,1));
78     });
79     upperRight.addActionListener(e -> {
80         content.scrollRectToVisible(
81             new Rectangle(content.getWidth()-1,
82                 0,1,1));
83     });
84     lowerRight.addActionListener(e -> {
85         content.scrollRectToVisible(
86             new Rectangle(content.getWidth()-1,
87                 content.getHeight()-1,1,1));
88     });
89     scroll.setCorner(JScrollPane.UPPER_LEFT_CORNER,
90                     upperLeft);
91     scroll.setCorner(JScrollPane.UPPER_RIGHT_CORNER,
92                     upperRight);
93     scroll.setCorner(JScrollPane.LOWER_LEFT_CORNER,
94                     lowerLeft);
95     scroll.setCorner(JScrollPane.LOWER_RIGHT_CORNER,
96                     lowerRight);
97
98     // the whole grid will n o t fit inside...

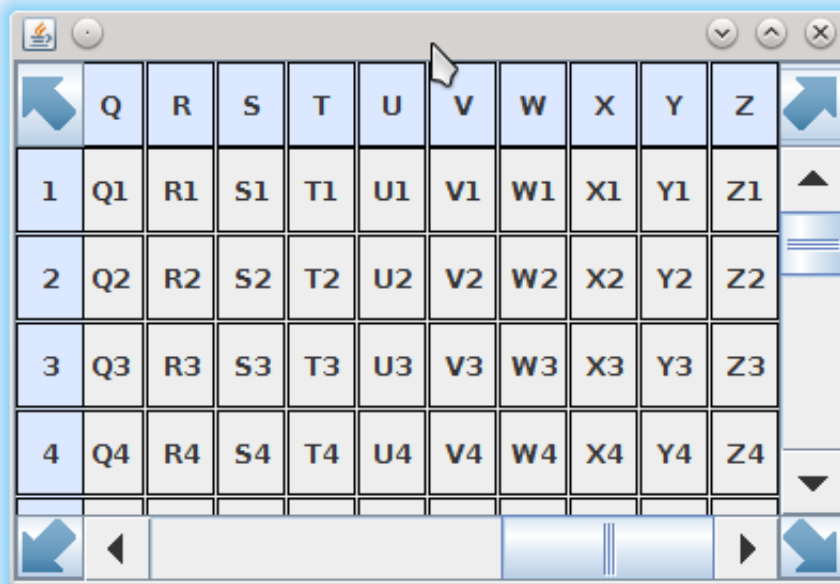
```

```

99     add(scroll);
100     setPreferredSize(new Dimension(750,550));
101     pack();
102     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
103     setVisible(true);
104 }
105
106 JLabel createLabel(String s, Color fC, Dimension dim) {
107     JLabel lab = new JLabel(s, JLabel.CENTER);
108     lab.setBorder(BorderFactory.createLineBorder(fC));
109     lab.setPreferredSize(dim);
110     return lab;
111 }
112 }

```

which displays



10.3 Mouse events

The mouse is a source of ‘physical’ events of type **MouseEvent**. These can be handled by listeners implementing two different interfaces. Both are *not* functional interfaces, as they declare more than one abstract method.

The first one is **MouseListener**, which has five methods:

```

public interface MouseListener extends EventListener {
    public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e);
    public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e);
    public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e);
    public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent e);
}

```

```

    public void mouseExited(MouseEvent e);
}

```

These functions will be called

- **mousePressed** — when any button of the mouse is pressed. The event passed as argument will contain information about which button (left, middle, or right) it was, whether **Shift**, **Ctrl** or **Alt** buttons were also pressed simultaneously, the coordinates of the point at which the mouse cursor was at the moment of a click, etc;
- **mouseReleased** — when any button of the mouse is released. The event passed as argument will of course contain information about the context of the event;
- **mouseClicked** — when any button of the mouse is clicked, i.e., pressing and releasing the button happened at the same location and within sufficiently small time interval;
- **mouseenter** — when the mouse enters the area of the component which is the source of the event listened to (no button has to be pressed);
- **mouseExited** — when the mouse leaves the area of the component which is the source of the events listened to (no button has to be pressed).

The other interface dealing with mouse events is **MouseMotionListener** (notice that the type of the corresponding events is the same as before, **MouseEvent** — there is *no* type **MouseMotionEvent**). The interface declares two methods:

```

public interface MouseMotionListener extends EventListener {
    public void mouseDragged(MouseEvent e);
    public void mouseMoved(MouseEvent e);
}

```

Events of type **MouseEvent** are fired in very quick succession whenever we move the mouse: if any mouse button *is* pressed, then **mouseDragged** will be invoked with small time interval between events; if mouse is moved without pressing any button, **mouseMoved** will be invoked. Remember, that events are fired with very high frequency so there are thousands of them. This means that creating the events and inserting them into the event queue may be very expensive. Therefore, attaching listeners of these type of events is something that should be avoided if not necessary. This is also the reason why handling these mouse events has been assigned a special type of listeners; if we do not need to react to the moves of the mouse (only pressing its buttons), we do not need to attach any **MouseMotionListener** and all these events may be safely ignored by the JVM.

There is also an interface **MouseListener** (but *no* the corresponding **addMouseListener** method!) which combines both **MouseListener** and **MouseMotionListener** (seven methods to implement!).

Quite often, we are only interested in one type of mouse events, e.g. only in clicks. Still, to implement the interface, we have to override all five (or seven) methods (with empty implementation of those which are of no interest for us). However, if our class does not extend any class (except the default **Object**), we can make it extend the concrete class **MouseAdapter** — this class implements all seven methods of **MouseListener** and provides empty implementation of all of them. If our class extends **MouseAdapter**, we have to implement only those methods which we need, all other already have empty implementation.

Let us look at the example showing all mouse events in action. Here, class **MListener** implements **MouseListener** and so it must provide implementation of all seven methods from both **MouseListener** and **MouseMotionListener**. Notice, however, that there is no **addMouseListener** method, so we had to attach the same listener using separately **addMouseListener** and **addMouseMotionListener**.

Listing 110

MCN-Listeners/Listeners.java

```
1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.FlowLayout;
3  import java.awt.Font;
4  import java.awt.GridLayout;
5  import java.awt.Color;
6  import java.awt.Dimension;
7  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
8  import java.awt.event.MouseEvent;
9  import javax.swing.JButton;
10 import javax.swing.JFrame;
11 import javax.swing.JLabel;
12 import javax.swing.JPanel;
13 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
14 import javax.swing.JTextArea;
15 import javax.swing.event.MouseInputListener;
16 import static javax.swing.SwingUtilities.*;
17
18 public class Listeners extends JFrame {
19     public static void main (String[] args) {
20         new Listeners();
21     }
22
23     private Listeners() {
24         super("Listeners");
25         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
26         // this is the default anyway...
27         setLayout(new BorderLayout());
28
29         JLabel lab = new JLabel(
30             "Info on button clicks will appear here...",
31             JLabel.CENTER);
32         lab.setFont(new Font("SansSerif", Font.PLAIN, 20));
33         JLabel mot = new JLabel(
34             "Info on mouse motion will appear here...",
35             JLabel.CENTER);
36         mot.setFont(new Font("SansSerif", Font.PLAIN, 20));
37         JPanel south = new JPanel(new GridLayout(2,1,10,10));
38         south.add(lab);
39         south.add(mot);
40         add(south, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
41
42         JPanel butts = new JPanel();
```

```

43     butts.setLayout(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.CENTER));
44     ActionListener ac = e -> {
45         lab.setText(
46             ((JButton)e.getSource()).getText() +
47                 " clicked");
48     };
49     // one listener for all buttons
50     for (int i = 1; i < 4; ++i) {
51         JButton b = new JButton("Button " + i);
52         b.addActionListener(ac);
53         butts.add(b);
54     }
55     add(butts, BorderLayout.NORTH);
56
57     JTextArea area = new JTextArea(15,30);
58     area.setFont(new Font("SansSerif",Font.PLAIN,18));
59     area.setEditable(false);
60     JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(area,
61         JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS,
62         JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED);
63     JPanel panel = new JPanel();
64     panel.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(400,300));
65     panel.setBackground(Color.BLUE);
66
67     MouseInputListener inp = new MListener(area,mot);
68     panel.addMouseListener(inp);
69     panel.addMouseMotionListener(inp);
70     JPanel panelCenter = new JPanel();
71     panelCenter.setLayout(new GridLayout(2,1,5,10));
72     panelCenter.add(panel);
73     panelCenter.add(scroll);
74
75     add(panelCenter, BorderLayout.CENTER);
76
77     pack();
78     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
79     setVisible(true);
80 }
81 }
82
83 class MListener implements MouseInputListener {
84     private JTextArea area;
85     private JLabel mot;
86     public MListener(JTextArea a, JLabel m) {
87         area = a;
88         mot = m;
89     }
90     // just a helper method
91     private String info(MouseEvent e) {
92         String which = " - UNKNOWN BUTTON!!!";

```

```

93         // static methods imported from SwingUtilities
94         if (isLeftMouseButton(e))    which = "left";
95         if (isRightMouseButton(e))   which = "right";
96         if (isMiddleMouseButton(e))  which = "middle";
97         if (e.getClickCount() > 1)
98             which += " (double click)";
99         return " at x = " + e.getX() + " y = " + e.getY() +
100                " (" + which + ")\n";
101     }
102
103     // MouseListener
104     @Override
105     public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e) {
106         area.append("pressed" + info(e));
107     }
108
109     @Override
110     public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent e) {
111         area.append("released" + info(e));
112     }
113
114     @Override
115     public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent e) {
116         area.append("clicked" + info(e));
117     }
118
119     @Override
120     public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent e) {
121         area.append("entered\n");
122     }
123
124     @Override
125     public void mouseExited(MouseEvent e) {
126         area.append("exited\n");
127     }
128
129     // MouseMotionListener
130     @Override
131     public void mouseMoved(MouseEvent e) {
132         mot.setText(" Moved: X=" + e.getX() +
133                    ", Y=" + e.getY());
134     }
135     @Override
136     public void mouseDragged(MouseEvent e) {
137         mot.setText("Dragged: X=" + e.getX() +
138                    ", Y=" + e.getY());
139     }
140 }

```

10.4 Key events

The keyboard is a source of ‘physical’ events of type **KeyEvent**. These can be handled by listeners implementing **KeyListener**, which declares three methods:

```
public interface KeyListener extends EventListener {
    public void keyPressed(KeyEvent e);
    public void keyReleased(KeyEvent e);
    public void keyTyped(KeyEvent e);
}
```

These functions will be called

- **keyPressed** — when any key of the keyboard is pressed. The event passed as argument will contain information about which key it was, whether **Shift**, **Ctrl** or **Alt** buttons were also pressed simultaneously, etc;
- **keyReleased** — when any key of the keyboard is released. The event passed as argument will, of course, contain information about the context of the event;
- **keyTyped** — when any key *corresponding to a Unicode character* is typed (pressed and released); this method will be invoked *after* **keyPressed** but before **keyReleased**. Pressing keys which *do not* correspond to Unicode characters will *not* trigger this method.

Let us consider the following example. It demonstrates what information one can extract from **KeyEvents** passed to the listener’s methods:

Listing 111

MCT-KeyStrokes/KeyStrokes.java

```
1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.FlowLayout;
3  import java.awt.Container;
4  import java.awt.Dimension;
5  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
6  import java.awt.event.KeyEvent;
7  import java.awt.event.KeyListener;
8  import javax.swing.AbstractAction;
9  import javax.swing.Action;
10 import javax.swing.JButton;
11 import javax.swing.JPanel;
12 import javax.swing.JTextArea;
13 import javax.swing.JTextField;
14 import javax.swing.JFrame;
15 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
16 import javax.swing.KeyStroke;
17
18 public class KeyStrokes extends JFrame
19     implements KeyListener {
20     JTextField tField = null;
21     JTextArea tArea = null;
22
23     public static void main(String[] args) {
24         new KeyStrokes();
25     }
26 }
```



```

25     }
26
27     KeyStrokes() {
28         super("Key events");
29         setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
30
31         tField = new JTextField(15);
32         tField.addKeyListener(this);
33
34         tArea = new JTextArea(40,25);
35         tArea.setEditable(false);
36         JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(tArea);
37
38         JButton clear = new JButton(
39             new AbstractAction("Clear") {
40                 @Override
41                 public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
42                     tArea.setText("");
43                     tField.setText("");
44                     tField.requestFocus();
45                 }
46             }
47         );
48
49         JPanel north = new JPanel(new FlowLayout());
50         north.add(tField);
51         north.add(clear);
52
53         add(north, BorderLayout.NORTH);
54         add(scroll, BorderLayout.CENTER);
55
56         pack();
57         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
58         setVisible(true);
59     }
60
61     public void keyTyped(KeyEvent e)    { info(e); }
62     public void keyPressed(KeyEvent e)  { info(e); }
63     public void keyReleased(KeyEvent e) { info(e); }
64
65     private void info(KeyEvent e){
66         int id = e.getID(); // type of the event
67         String inf = null;
68         if (id == KeyEvent.KEY_TYPED) {
69             inf = "** KEY_TYPED **\n";
70             // keyChar only defined for KEY TYPED,
71             // i.e., for keys corresponding to
72             // Unicode code points
73             inf += "keyChar = '" +
74                 e.getKeyChar() + "'\n";

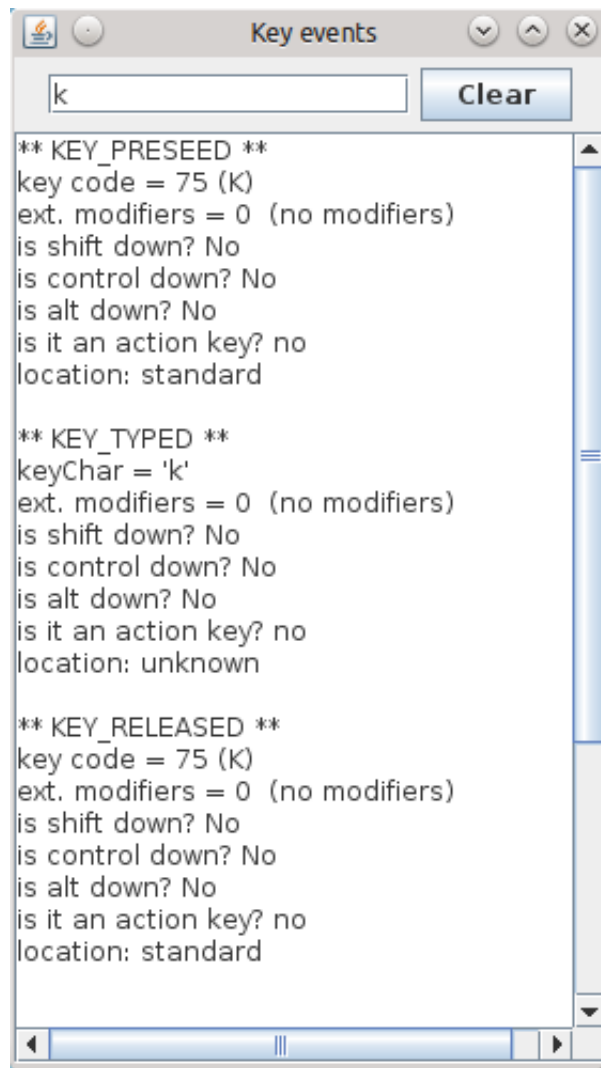
```

```

75     } else {
76         if (id == KeyEvent.KEY_PRESSED)
77             inf = "** KEY_PRESSED **\n";
78         else
79             inf = "** KEY_RELEASED **\n";
80         int keyCode = e.getKeyCode();
81         inf += "key code = " + keyCode + " (" +
82             KeyEvent.getKeyText(keyCode) + ")\n";
83     }
84
85     int mods = e.getModifiersEx(); // extended...
86     inf += "ext. modifiers = " + mods + " ";
87     String t = KeyEvent.getModifiersExText(mods);
88     if (t.length() > 0) inf += " (" + t + ")\n";
89     else
90         inf += " (no modifiers)\n";
91
92     inf += "is shift down? " +
93         (e.isShiftDown() ? "Yes\n" : "No\n");
94     inf += "is control down? " +
95         (e.isControlDown() ? "Yes\n" : "No\n");
96     inf += "is alt down? " +
97         (e.isAltDown() ? "Yes\n" : "No\n");
98
99     inf += "is it an action key? " +
100         (e.isActionKey() ? "yes\n" : "no\n");
101
102     inf += "location: ";
103     int loc = e.getKeyLocation();
104     if (loc == KeyEvent.KEY_LOCATION_STANDARD)
105         inf += "standard\n\n";
106     else if (loc == KeyEvent.KEY_LOCATION_LEFT)
107         inf += "left\n\n";
108     else if (loc == KeyEvent.KEY_LOCATION_RIGHT)
109         inf += "right\n\n";
110     else if (loc == KeyEvent.KEY_LOCATION_NUMPAD)
111         inf += "numpad\n\n";
112     else
113         inf += "unknown\n\n";
114     tArea.append(inf);
115 }
116 }

```

which displays



The next two examples demonstrate handling both mouse and key events to ‘free hand’ drawing on a component:

Listing 112

MEA-DrawSimple/DrawIt.java

```
1 import java.awt.Color;
2 import java.awt.Dimension;
3 import java.awt.Graphics;
4 import java.awt.event.KeyEvent;
5 import java.awt.event.KeyListener;
6 import java.awt.event.MouseEvent;
7 import java.awt.event.MouseListener;
8 import java.awt.event.MouseMotionListener;
9 import javax.swing.JFrame;
10 import javax.swing.JPanel;
11
12 public class DrawIt extends JFrame {
13
14     public static void main(String[] args) {
15         new DrawIt();
16     }
17 }
```

```

18 DrawIt() {
19     setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
20
21     MyPanel panel = new MyPanel();
22     // panel will listen to mouse and keys
23     panel.addMouseListener(panel);
24     panel.addMouseMotionListener(panel);
25     panel.addKeyListener(panel);
26
27     panel.setBackground(Color.BLACK);
28     //panel.setOpaque(true);
29     panel.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300,200));
30     add(panel);
31
32     pack();
33     setVisible(true);
34     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
35 }
36 }
37
38 class MyPanel extends JPanel
39     implements MouseListener,
40                 MouseMotionListener,
41                 KeyListener {
42     int xOLD, yOLD;
43     Graphics pg;
44     Color fore = Color.YELLOW;
45
46     // MouseListener implementation
47     public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e) {
48         xOLD = e.getX();
49         yOLD = e.getY();
50         pg.setColor(fore);
51     }
52     public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent ignore) { }
53     public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent ignore) { }
54     public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent ignore) { }
55     public void mouseExited(MouseEvent ignore) { }
56
57     // MouseMotionListener implementation
58     public void mouseDragged(MouseEvent e) {
59         int x = e.getX(), y = e.getY();
60         pg.setColor(fore);
61         pg.drawLine(xOLD,yOLD,x,y);
62         xOLD = x;
63         yOLD = y;
64     }
65     public void mouseMoved(MouseEvent ignore) { }
66
67     // KeyListener implementation

```

```

68     public void keyPressed(KeyEvent e) {
69         switch (e.getKeyCode()) {
70             case KeyEvent.VK_R: fore = Color.RED;    break;
71             case KeyEvent.VK_G: fore = Color.GREEN;  break;
72             case KeyEvent.VK_B: fore = Color.BLUE;   break;
73             case KeyEvent.VK_Y: fore = Color.YELLOW; break;
74         }
75     }
76     public void keyReleased(KeyEvent ignore) { }
77     public void keyTyped(KeyEvent ignore) { }
78
79     public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
80         super.paintComponent(g);
81         if (pg != null) pg.dispose();
82         pg = getGraphics();
83         requestFocus();    // so panel listens to keys...
84     }
85 }

```

The approach presented above is not perfect, because when the component is redrawn, all its contents disappears. We can correct it by remembering all what we have drawn so far and recreating it every time the component is being redrawn:

Listing 113

MED-DrawBetter/DrawBetter.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Dimension;
3  import java.awt.Graphics;
4  import java.awt.event.KeyEvent;
5  import java.awt.event.KeyListener;
6  import java.awt.event.MouseEvent;
7  import java.awt.event.MouseListener;
8  import java.awt.event.MouseMotionListener;
9  import java.util.ArrayList;
10 import javax.swing.JFrame;
11 import javax.swing.JPanel;
12
13 public class DrawBetter extends JFrame {
14
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         new DrawBetter();
17     }
18
19     DrawBetter() {
20         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
21
22         MyPanelBetter panel = new MyPanelBetter();
23         // panel will listen to mouse and keys
24         panel.addMouseListener(panel);

```

```

25     panel.addMouseMotionListener(panel);
26     panel.addKeyListener(panel);
27
28     panel.setBackground(Color.BLACK);
29     panel.setOpaque(true);
30     panel.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300,200));
31     add(panel);
32
33     pack();
34     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
35     setVisible(true);
36 }
37 }
38
39 class MyPanelBetter extends JPanel
40     implements MouseListener,
41                 MouseMotionListener,
42                 KeyListener {
43     int xOLD, yOLD;
44     Graphics pg;
45     Color fore = Color.YELLOW;
46     ArrayList<Segment> segs = new ArrayList<Segment>();
47
48     // MouseListener implementation
49     public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e) {
50         xOLD = e.getX();
51         yOLD = e.getY();
52         pg.setColor(fore);
53     }
54     public void mouseReleased(MouseEvent ignore) { }
55     public void mouseClicked(MouseEvent ignore) { }
56     public void mouseEntered(MouseEvent ignore) { }
57     public void mouseExited(MouseEvent ignore) { }
58
59     // MouseMotionListener implementation
60     public void mouseDragged(MouseEvent e) {
61         int x = e.getX(), y = e.getY();
62         pg.drawLine(xOLD,yOLD,x,y);
63         segs.add(new Segment(fore,x,y,xOLD,yOLD));
64         xOLD = x;
65         yOLD = y;
66     }
67     public void mouseMoved(MouseEvent ignore) { }
68
69     // KeyListener implementation
70     public void keyPressed(KeyEvent e) {
71         switch (e.getKeyCode()) {
72             case KeyEvent.VK_R: fore = Color.RED;      break;
73             case KeyEvent.VK_G: fore = Color.GREEN;    break;
74             case KeyEvent.VK_B: fore = Color.BLUE;     break;

```

```

75         case KeyEvent.VK_Y: fore = Color.YELLOW; break;
76     }
77 }
78 public void keyReleased(KeyEvent ignore) { }
79 public void keyTyped(KeyEvent ignore) { }
80
81 public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
82     super.paintComponent(g);
83     if (pg != null) pg.dispose();
84     pg = getGraphics();
85     for (Segment s : segs)
86         s.drawYourself(g);
87     requestFocus();    // so panel listens to keys...
88 }
89 }
90
91 class Segment {
92     private Color color;
93     private int x,y,xOLD,yOLD;
94
95     Segment(Color c, int xn, int yn, int xo, int yo) {
96         color = c;
97         x = xn;
98         y = yn;
99         xOLD = xo;
100        yOLD = yo;
101    }
102    void drawYourself(Graphics g) {
103        g.setColor(color);
104        g.drawLine(xOLD,yOLD,x,y);
105    }
106 }

```

which displays



And one more example, again demonstrating key events:

```
1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Dimension;
3  import java.awt.Graphics;
4  import java.awt.Graphics2D;
5  import java.awt.RenderingHints;
6  import java.awt.event.KeyAdapter;
7  import java.awt.event.KeyEvent;
8  import java.awt.event.MouseAdapter;
9  import java.awt.event.MouseEvent;
10 import javax.swing.JFrame;
11 import javax.swing.JPanel;
12
13 public class MoveFig extends JFrame {
14
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         new MoveFig();
17     }
18
19     public MoveFig() {
20         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
21         setContentPane(new Figure());
22         pack();
23         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
24         setVisible(true);
25     }
26 }
27
28 class Figure extends JPanel {
29
30     private final int step = 4, maxR = 150, minR = 10;
31     private int radius = 10, xcoor = 10, ycoor = 10;
32     private int width,height;
33     private Color kolor = Color.red;
34     private boolean blk = false, cir = true, fil = true;
35
36     Figure() {
37         setBackground(Color.black);
38         setPreferredSize(new Dimension(400,400));
39
40         addMouseListener(new MouseAdapter()
41         {
42             public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e)
43             {
44                 if ( e.isMetaDown() ) {
45                     blk = true;
46                 } else {
47                     xcoor = e.getX();
48                     ycoor = e.getY();
```



```

49         blk = false;
50     }
51     repaint();
52 }
53 });
54
55 addKeyListener(new KeyAdapter()
56 {
57     public void keyPressed(KeyEvent e)
58     {
59         switch ( e.getKeyCode() ) {
60             case KeyEvent.VK_UP :
61                 ycoor = (height+ycoor-step)%height;
62                 break;
63             case KeyEvent.VK_DOWN :
64                 ycoor = (ycoor+step)%height;
65                 break;
66             case KeyEvent.VK_LEFT :
67                 xcoor = (width+xcoor-step)%width;
68                 break;
69             case KeyEvent.VK_RIGHT :
70                 xcoor = (xcoor+step)%width;
71                 break;
72             case KeyEvent.VK_ADD :
73                 radius = Math.min(maxR,radius+step);
74                 break;
75             case KeyEvent.VK_SUBTRACT :
76                 radius = Math.max(minR,radius-step);
77                 break;
78             case KeyEvent.VK_ENTER :
79                 cir = !cir;
80                 break;
81             case KeyEvent.VK_R :
82                 kolor = Color.red;
83                 break;
84             case KeyEvent.VK_G :
85                 kolor = Color.green;
86                 break;
87             case KeyEvent.VK_B :
88                 kolor = Color.blue;
89                 break;
90             case KeyEvent.VK_Y :
91                 kolor = Color.yellow;
92                 break;
93             case KeyEvent.VK_SPACE :
94                 fil = !fil;
95                 break;
96             default:
97                 return;
98         }

```

```

99         repaint();
100     }
101     });
102 }
103
104 public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
105
106     Graphics2D g2 = (Graphics2D)g;
107     g2.setRenderingHint(
108         RenderingHints.KEY_ANTIALIASING,
109         RenderingHints.VALUE_ANTIALIAS_ON);
110     g2.setRenderingHint(
111         RenderingHints.KEY_TEXT_ANTIALIASING,
112         RenderingHints.VALUE_TEXT_ANTIALIAS_ON);
113     super.paintComponent(g);
114     requestFocus();
115
116     int x, y, b;
117
118     width  = getWidth();
119     height = getHeight();
120
121     if ( !blk ) {
122         g.setColor(kolor);
123         x = xcoor - radius;
124         y = ycoor - radius;
125         b = 2*radius;
126         if ( cir ) {
127             if ( fil ) { g.fillOval(x,y,b, b); }
128             else        { g.drawOval(x,y,b-1,b-1); }
129         } else {
130             if ( fil ) { g.fillRect(x,y,b, b ); }
131             else        { g.drawRect(x,y,b-1,b-1); }
132         }
133     }
134 }
135 }

```

The last example shows another very useful component — a check box. Consider the following program:

Listing 115

MDI-CheckBoxes/CheckBoxes.java

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Color;
3  import java.awt.Dimension;
4  import java.awt.Graphics;
5  import java.awt.Image;
6  import java.awt.event.ItemEvent;

```

```

7  import java.awt.event.ItemListener;
8  import java.awt.event.KeyEvent;
9  import java.awt.image.BufferedImage;
10 import java.io.File;
11 import java.io.IOException;
12 import javax.imageio.ImageIO;
13 import javax.swing.Box;
14 import javax.swing.BoxLayout;
15 import javax.swing.BorderFactory;
16 import javax.swing.JCheckBox;
17 import javax.swing.JFrame;
18 import javax.swing.JPanel;
19
20 public class CheckBoxes {
21     static String[] names = {"Michelangelo", "Caravaggio",
22                             "Goya", "Vermeer"};
23     static BufferedImage[] images = new BufferedImage[4];
24     static int[] mnemos = {KeyEvent.VK_M, KeyEvent.VK_C,
25                           KeyEvent.VK_G, KeyEvent.VK_V};
26     boolean[] states = {false, false, false, false};
27     ImagePanel imgPanel = new ImagePanel();
28
29     public static void main(String[] args) {
30         try {
31             for (int i = 0; i < 4; ++i)
32                 images[i] = ImageIO.read(
33                     new File(names[i]+".jpg"));
34         } catch (IOException e) {
35             System.out.println("Problems with images...");
36             return;
37         }
38         new CheckBoxes();
39     }
40
41     private CheckBoxes() {
42         JFrame f = new JFrame("Check Boxes");
43         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
44         f.add(new ButtonPanel(), BorderLayout.EAST);
45         f.add(imgPanel, BorderLayout.CENTER);
46         f.pack();
47         f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
48         f.setVisible(true);
49     }
50
51     class ButtonPanel extends JPanel {
52         private final Dimension rig = new Dimension(0,20);
53         ButtonPanel() {
54             setLayout(new BoxLayout(this, BoxLayout.Y_AXIS));
55             ItemListener lis = new MyItemListener();
56             for (int i = 0; i < 4; ++i) {

```

```

57         add(Box.createRigidArea(rig));
58         JCheckBox b = new JCheckBox(names[i]);
59         b.setMnemonic(mnemos[i]);
60         b.setSelected(false);
61         b.addItemListener(lis);
62         b.putClientProperty("i", Integer.valueOf(i));
63         add(b);
64     }
65     setBorder(BorderFactory.createEmptyBorder(
66         20,20,20,20));
67 }
68 }
69
70 class ImagePanel extends JPanel {
71     ImagePanel() {
72         setPreferredSize(new Dimension(300,500));
73         setBackground(new Color(0,0,102));
74         setOpaque(true);
75     }
76     @Override
77     public void paintComponent(Graphics g) {
78         super.paintComponent(g);
79         int panW = getWidth(),
80             panH = getHeight();
81         Image im = null;
82         for (int i = 0; i < 4; ++i) {
83             if (!states[i]) continue;
84             Image img = images[i];
85             int oriW = img.getWidth(null),
86                 oriH = img.getHeight(null);
87             if (panW*oriH < panH*oriW)
88                 im = img.getScaledInstance(panW/2, -1,
89                     Image.SCALE_SMOOTH);
90             else
91                 im = img.getScaledInstance(-1, panH/2,
92                     Image.SCALE_SMOOTH);
93             int imgW = im.getWidth(null);
94             int imgH = im.getHeight(null);
95             g.drawImage(im, (i/2)*panW/2+(panW/2-imgW)/2,
96                 (i/2)*panH/2+(panH/2-imgH)/2,
97                 imgW, imgH, null);
98         }
99     }
100 }
101
102 class MyItemListener implements ItemListener {
103     @Override
104     public void itemStateChanged(ItemEvent e) {
105         JCheckBox source =
106             (JCheckBox)e.getItemSelectable();

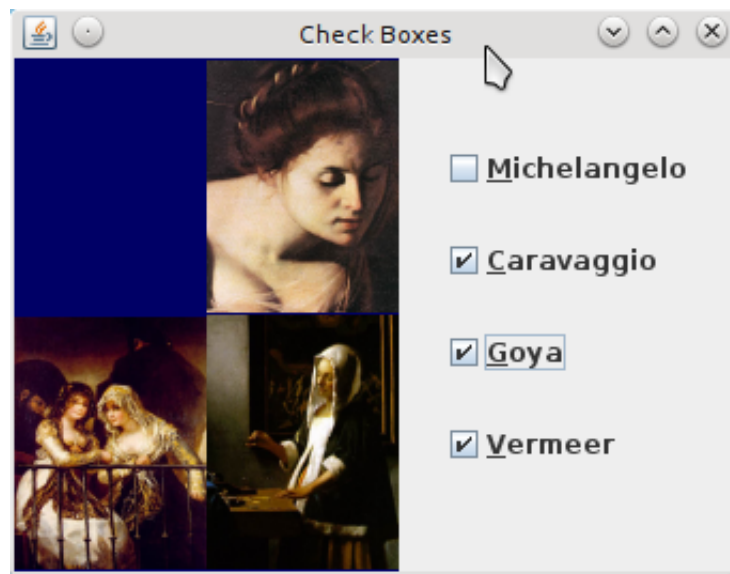
```

```

107         int i = (Integer)source.getClientProperty("i");
108         if (e.getStateChange() == ItemEvent.DESELECTED)
109             states[i] = false;
110         else
111             states[i] = true;
112         imgPanel.repaint();
113     }
114 }
115 }

```

which displays



10.5 Window events

Closing, resizing, activating a window also generates events that can be handled. Listeners of these events have to implement the **WindowListener** interface with seven methods (as in the case of mouse listeners, there is the **WindowAdapter** class which provides empty implementation of all these methods):

```

public interface WindowListener extends EventListener {
    public void windowActivated(WindowEvent e);
    public void windowDeactivated(WindowEvent e);
    public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e);
    public void windowClosed(WindowEvent e);
    public void windowIconified(WindowEvent e);
    public void windowDeiconified(WindowEvent e);
    public void windowOpened(WindowEvent e);
}

```

These functions will be called

- **windowActivated** — when a window is set to be the active window;
- **windowDeactivated** — when a window becomes not the active window;
- **windowClosing** — when the tries to close the window, but before actually closing it;

- `windowClosed` — when the window has been closed;
- `windowIconified` — when the window changes its state from normal to minimized;
- `windowDeiconified` — when the changes its state from minimized to normal;
- `windowOpen` — when the window is made visible for the first time.

Among these methods, the third, **windowClosing**, is probably used most often — as in the example below:

Listing 116

MEO-WinClose/WinClose.java

```

1  import java.awt.Dimension;
2  import java.awt.event.WindowAdapter;
3  import java.awt.event.WindowEvent;
4  import javax.swing.JFrame;
5  import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
6
7  public class WinClose {
8      public static void main(String... args) {
9          JFrame f = new JFrame("WinClose");
10         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(
11             JFrame.DO_NOTHING_ON_CLOSE);
12         f.addWindowListener(new WindowAdapter() {
13             @Override
14             public void windowClosing(WindowEvent w) {
15                 int d = JOptionPane.showConfirmDialog(
16                     f, "Really close?", "Closing...",
17                     JOptionPane.YES_NO_OPTION,
18                     JOptionPane.QUESTION_MESSAGE);
19                 if (d==JOptionPane.YES_OPTION) f.dispose();
20             }
21         });
22
23         f.setSize(new Dimension(300,200));
24         f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
25         f.setVisible(true);
26     }
27 }
```

The example below demonstrates the use of all window events

Listing 117

MER-WinEvents/WindowEvents.java

```

1  import java.awt.Font;
2  import java.awt.event.WindowEvent;
3  import java.awt.event.WindowFocusListener;
4  import java.awt.event.WindowListener;
5  import java.awt.event.WindowStateListener;
6  import javax.swing.JFrame;
7  import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
```

```

8  import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
9  import javax.swing.JTextArea;
10 import static javax.swing.JFrame.*;
11
12 public class WindowEvents extends JFrame
13     implements WindowListener,
14                 WindowFocusListener,
15                 WindowStateListener {
16     JTextArea tArea;
17
18     public static void main(String[] args) {
19         new WindowEvents();
20     }
21
22     WindowEvents() {
23         super("WindowEvents");
24         setDefaultCloseOperation(DO_NOTHING_ON_CLOSE);
25         tArea = new JTextArea(40,42);
26         tArea.setFont(new Font("Monospaced",Font.PLAIN,14));
27         tArea.setEditable(false);
28         JScrollPane scrollPane = new JScrollPane(tArea);
29         add(scrollPane);
30
31         addWindowListener(this);
32         addWindowFocusListener(this);
33         addWindowStateListener(this);
34
35         pack();
36         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
37         setVisible(true);
38     }
39
40     // WindowListener;
41     @Override
42     public void windowActivated(WindowEvent e) {
43         info("WindowListener::windowActivated");
44     }
45     @Override
46     public void windowClosed(WindowEvent e) {
47         // only seen on standard output
48         info("WindowListener::windowClosed");
49     }
50     @Override
51     public void windowClosing(WindowEvent e) {
52         info("WindowListener::windowClosing");
53         int answer = JOptionPane.showConfirmDialog(
54             this,"Really quit?","Please, confirm",
55             JOptionPane.YES_NO_OPTION,
56             JOptionPane.QUESTION_MESSAGE
57         );

```

```

58         if (answer == JOptionPane.YES_OPTION) dispose();
59     }
60     @Override
61     public void windowDeactivated(WindowEvent e) {
62         info("WindowListener::windowDeactivated");
63     }
64     @Override
65     public void windowDeiconified(WindowEvent e) {
66         info("WindowListener::windowDeiconified");
67     }
68     @Override
69     public void windowIconified(WindowEvent e) {
70         info("WindowListener::windowIconified");
71     }
72     @Override
73     public void windowOpened(WindowEvent e) {
74         info("WindowListener::windowOpened");
75     }
76
77     // WindowFocusListener
78     @Override
79     public void windowGainedFocus(WindowEvent e) {
80         info("WindowFocusListener::windowGainedFocus");
81     }
82     @Override
83     public void windowLostFocus(WindowEvent e) {
84         info("WindowFocusListener::windowLostFocus");
85     }
86
87     // WindowStateListener
88     public void windowStateChanged(WindowEvent e) {
89         infoState(e);
90     }
91
92     private void info(String msg) {
93         tArea.append(msg + "\n");
94         System.out.println(msg);
95     }
96
97     private void infoState(WindowEvent e) {
98         int newState = e.getNewState();
99         int oldState = e.getOldState();
100         String msg = "WindowStateListener::"
101             + "windowStateChanged"
102             + "\n***Changing state: old "
103             + stateToString(oldState)
104             + "\n                             new "
105             + stateToString(newState);
106         info(msg);
107     }

```



```

108
109     private String stateToString(int state) {
110         if (state == JFrame.NORMAL) return "NORMAL";
111
112         String strState = "";
113         if ((state & JFrame.ICONIFIED) != 0) {
114             strState += "ICONIFIED";
115         }
116         // constants from static import
117         if ((state & MAXIMIZED_BOTH) == MAXIMIZED_BOTH) {
118             strState += "MAXIMIZED_BOTH";
119         } else {
120             if ((state & MAXIMIZED_VERT) != 0) {
121                 strState += "MAXIMIZED_VERT";
122             }
123             if ((state & MAXIMIZED_HORIZ) != 0) {
124                 strState += "MAXIMIZED_HORIZ";
125             }
126         }
127         if ("".equals(strState)) strState = "UNKNOWN";
128
129         return strState;
130     }
131 }

```

10.6 Events and listeners — summary

The table below presents type of events that can be handled by appropriate listeners. Each event has an identifier — an **int** that can be obtained by invoking **getID** method; it returns one of the constants which is given in the second column. The third column contains names of methods that have to be implemented by a listener of the type given in the fourth column:

Table 1: Events, listeners and their methods

Event	ID (int)	Methods	Listener
ActionEvent	ACTION_PERFORMED	actionPerformed	ActionListener
AdjustmentEvent	ADJUSTMENT_VALUE_CHANGED	adjustmentValueChanged	AdjustmentListener
ItemEvent	ITEM_STATE_CHANGED	itemStateChanged	ItemListener
TextEvent	TEXT_VALUE_CHANGED	textValueChanged	TextListener
MouseEvent	MOUSE_ENTERED MOUSE_EXITED MOUSE_PRESSED MOUSE_RELEASED MOUSE_CLICKED	mouseEntered mouseExited mousePressed mouseReleased mouseClicked	MouseListener or MouseListenerAdapter
	MOUSE_MOVED MOUSE_DRAGGED	mouseMoved mouseDragged	MouseMotionListener or MouseListenerAdapter
MouseWheelEvent	MOUSE_WHEEL_MOVED	mouseWheelMoved	MouseWheelListener

Table 1: Events, listeners and their methods (continued)

Event	ID (int)	Methods	Listener
KeyEvent	KEY_PRESEED KEY_RELEASED KEY_TYPED	keyPressed keyReleased keyTyped	KeyListener
FocusEvent	FOCUS_GAINED FOCUS_LOST	focusGained focusLost	FocusListener
ContainerEvent	COMPONENT_ADDED COMPONENT_REMOVED	componentAdded componentRemoved	ContainerListener
ComponentEvent	COMPONENT_HIDDEN COMPONENT_SHOWN COMPONENT_MOVED COMPONENT_RESIZED	componentHidden componentShown componentMoved componentResized	ComponentListener
WindowEvent	WINDOW_ACTIVATED WINDOW_DEACTIVATED WINDOW_ICONIFIED WINDOW_DEICONIFIED WINDOW_OPENED WINDOW_CLOSING WINDOW_CLOSED	windowActivated windowDeactivated windowIconified windowDeiconified windowOpened windowClosing windowClosed	WindowListener
	WINDOW_STATE_CHANGED	windowStateChanged	WindowStateListener
	WINDOW_GAINED_FOCUS WINDOW_LOST_FOCUS	windowGainedFocus windowLostFocus	WindowFocusListener

The next table shows various types of events with their possible sources:

Table 2: Events and their sources

Event	Source
ComponentEvent	all components of AWT and Swing
ContainerEvent	AWT containers, Box container and all JComponents
MouseEvent	all components of AWT and Swing
FocusEvent	all components of AWT and Swing which can own the focus (for which this feature has not been disabled)
KeyEvent	all components of AWT and Swing which can own the focus
WindowEvent	all components derived from Window
InternalFrameEvent	internal windows of Swing
PropertyChangeEvent	all components of AWT and Swing
ActionEvent	components of type Button , JButton , JToggleButton , JCheckBox , JRadioButton , MenuItem , JMenuItem , CheckBoxMenuItem , JCheckBoxMenuItem , JRadioButtonMenuItem , TextField , JTextField , List , JComboBox
TextEvent	components of type TextField , TextArea (AWT only)

Table 2: Events and their sources (continued)

Event	Source
ItemEvent	components of type CheckBox , CheckBoxMenuItem , JToggleButton , JCheckBox , JRadioButton , JCheckBoxMenuItem , JRadioButtonMenuItem , List , JComboBox
AdjustingEvent	components of type ScrollBar and JScrollBar

11.1 MVC

The graphical system of Java, *swing* library in particular, uses the so called MVC (Model–View–Controller) architecture, inspired by the language Smalltalk.

For a graphical component

- its *model* defines the data associated with the component: e.g., for a **JButton**, it can be information whether it is enabled or not, its action command etc., for a **JList** — its size and individual elements;
- its *view* specifies a visual representation of the component (size, color, borders etc.);
- its *controller* provides an interaction between the user and the view and between the view and the model.

Such an separation allows for more flexible code, because each part can be treated independently with well defined means of transferring information between them. Ideally, the model is completely independent of the view and, for example, one model may be used by several different views. In practice, however, Java (more specifically Swing) combines the view and the controller into one hybrid part, the so called UI (User Interface) delegate.

Almost all Swing components are backed by their appropriate models — objects of classes implementing special interfaces. Generally, there are two types of models:

- GUI models which correspond to visual features of components (a button pressed or not, an item selected or not);
- data models which correspond to pure data without referring to any visual features.

The table below shows models used by various components of Swing:

Table 3: Components and their models

Component	Model interface	Type
JButton	ButtonModel	GUI
JToggleButton	ButtonModel	GUI/data
JCheckBox	ButtonModel	GUI/data
JRadioButton	ButtonModel	GUI/data
JMenu	ButtonModel	GUI
JMenuItem	ButtonModel	GUI
JCheckBoxMenuItem	ButtonModel	GUI/data
JRadioButtonMenuItem	ButtonModel	GUI/data
JComboBox	ComboBoxModel	data
JProgressBar	BoundedRangeModel	GUI/data
JScrollBar	BoundedRangeModel	GUI/data

Table 3: Components and their models (cont.)

Component	Model interface	Type
JSlider	BoundedRangeModel	GUI/data
JTabbedPane	SingleSelectionModel	GUI
JList	ListModel	data
JList	ListSelectionModel	GUI
JTable	TableModel	data
JTable	TableColumnModel	GUI
JTree	TreeModel	data
JTree	TreeSelectionModel	GUI
JEditorPane	Document	data
JTextPane	Document	data
JTextArea	Document	data
JTextField	Document	data
JPasswordField	Document	data

Many Swing components create their models automatically; for example, we have been using **JButtons** without even knowing that they also have models. Sometimes those default models (their names usually start with **Default**, e.g., **DefaultListModel** is the default model implementing the **ListModel** interface) are sufficient and we don't have to deal with them explicitly in our programs. Still, we always have access to the underlying models by means of **getModel/setModel** methods of Swing components. This makes it possible to modify (configure) these models or replace them with our own, 'home made' model (object of a class implementing an appropriate interface). Sometimes components themselves expose some methods which in fact operate on the the underlying model, so we can use them without explicitly referring to models. For example, the class **JSlider** exposes methods which allow us to get or set the current position of the slider: in fact these method refer to an underlying model (of type **BoundedRangeModel**)

```
slider.getValue()
```

is implemented as

```
slider.getModel().getValue()
```

However, when dealing with more complex components, referring to models is inevitable.

11.2 Lists

The **JList** represents a widget displaying a list of objects. The underlying models that are used by the class are **ListModel** (pure data) and **ListSelectionModel** (related to GUI). In order to create simple lists and just display them, we don't have to refer to models, because, if not told otherwise, constructors will also create underlying models. One can use constructors which take an array of **Objects** or a **Vector** and the models will be created automatically:

```
JList(Object[] arr)
```

or

```
JList(Vector vec)
```

Therefore, the following snippet will allow us to create a **JList** widget:

```
String[] arr = {"Cat", "Dog", "Cow"};
JList list = new JList(arr);
JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(list);
```

which may then be displayed. However, the functionality of the resulting list will be somewhat limited: we cannot add or remove elements. Still, we *can* use several methods of **JList** which in fact delegate invocations to corresponding methods of the underlying models. For example,

```
list.getMinSelectedIndex()
```

is equivalent to

```
list.getSelectionModel().getMinSelectionIndex()
```

Also, instead of attaching listeners to models, we can attach them to a **JList** itself — a list selection listener attached to a list will in fact listen to changes of the model:

```
list.addListSelectionListener(lis);
```

is equivalent to

```
list.getSelectionModel().addListSelectionListener(lis);
```

(although in the first case **getSource** inside listeners' methods returns the list itself, while in the second case it will return the model).

In order to be able to create more flexible lists (with dynamic contents), we need to implement a model (interface is **ListModel**) and then pass it to a constructor of **JList** (or invoke **setModel** on an existing list).

A list model must implement **ListModel**, but the most convenient way to create a custom model is to inherit from **AbstractListModel**. Then, there are only two simple methods to implement: **getSize** and **getElementAt(int)**. The implementation does not even need to hold the data in any kind of a collection, as in the example below:

Listing 118

PEJ-ListAdHoc/ListAdHoc.java

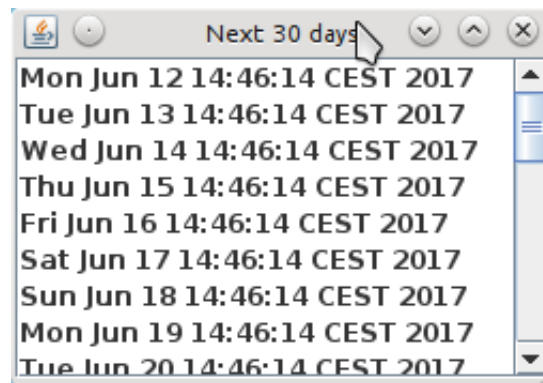
```
1 import java.awt.Dimension;
2 import java.util.Calendar;
3 import java.util.Date;
4 import javax.swing.AbstractListModel;
5 import javax.swing.JFrame;
6 import javax.swing.JList;
7 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
8
9 public class ListAdHoc extends JFrame {
10     public static void main(String[] args) {
11         new ListAdHoc();
12     }
13     ListAdHoc() {
14         super("Next 30 days");
15         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
16         JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(
17             new JList<Date>(new MyModel()));
18         scroll.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(250,150));
19         add(scroll);
```

```

20     pack();
21     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
22     setVisible(true);
23 }
24 }
25
26 class MyModel extends AbstractListModel<Date> {
27     @Override
28     public int getSize() { return 30; }
29     public Date getElementAt(int i) {
30         Calendar cal = Calendar.getInstance();
31         cal.add(Calendar.DATE, i+1);
32         return cal.getTime();
33     }
34 }

```

which displays a widget like this



Modifications of a list (strictly speaking, its model) generate events of type **ListDataEvent** and convey information on

- the type of modification: interval (maybe consisting of only one item) of elements has been added, removed, changed;
- the lower index of the interval involved (**getIndex0**);
- the upper index of the interval involved (**getIndex1**);

These events will be passed to listener's methods declared in **ListDataListener** with three methods:

- `public void intervalAdded(ListDataEvent e)`
- `public void intervalRemoved(ListDataEvent e)`
- `public void contentsChanged(ListDataEvent e)`

When writing an implementation of **ListModel**, it is convenient to either use the class **DefaultListModel** (where all basic functionality is already implemented) or inherit from **AbstractListModel** and provide implementation for only two remaining abstract methods: **getElementAt** and **getSize**. If our list is to be modifiable, we add methods for adding and removing elements of the list, but then we have to remember to fire appropriate events which will inform listeners about the modifications. This is easy to do, because in **AbstractListModel** there are three methods (already implemented) that we can use:

- `protected void fireIntervalAdded(Object source, int i0, int i1)`
- `protected void fireIntervalRemoved(Object source, int i0, int i1)`
- `protected void fireContentsChanged(Object source, int i0, int i1)`

They generate events and call appropriate methods on all registered listeners.

Let us consider a simple example. Here, we define our own implementation of **List-Model**; as the list is modifiable, we have to notify listeners about our modifications:

Listing 119

PEQ-ListMenu/ListWithMenu.java

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Component;
3  import java.awt.Dimension;
4  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
5  import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
6  import javax.swing.AbstractListModel;
7  import javax.swing.JFrame;
8  import javax.swing.JList;
9  import javax.swing.JMenu;
10 import javax.swing.JMenuBar;
11 import javax.swing.JMenuItem;
12 import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
13 import javax.swing.JPanel;
14 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
15 import java.util.Collections;
16 import java.util.ArrayList;
17
18 public class ListWithMenu {
19     public static void main (String[] args) {
20         JFrame f = new JFrame("LIST");
21         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
22         JPanel panel = new JPanel();
23         panel.setLayout(new BorderLayout());
24
25         MyModel model = new MyModel(panel);
26         JList<String> list = new JList<>(model);
27         JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(list);
28         scroll.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200,150));
29
30         JMenu addRem = new JMenu("Add/Remove");
31         JMenuItem add = new JMenuItem("Add");
32         add.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {
33             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
34                 String s = JOptionPane.showInputDialog(
35                     panel, "Enter name to add", "Add",
36                     JOptionPane.QUESTION_MESSAGE);
37                 model.add(s);
38             }
39         });
40         JMenuItem rem = new JMenuItem("Remove");

```



```

41     rem.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {
42         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
43             String s = JOptionPane.showInputDialog(
44                 panel, "Enter name to remove", "Remove",
45                 JOptionPane.QUESTION_MESSAGE);
46             model.remove(s);
47         }
48     });
49     addRem.add(add);
50     addRem.add(remove);
51     JMenuBar menuBar = new JMenuBar();
52     menuBar.add(addRem);
53     f.setJMenuBar(menuBar);
54
55     f.add(scroll); // CENTER by default
56     f.pack();
57     f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
58     f.setVisible(true);
59 }
60 }
61
62 class MyModel extends AbstractListModel<String> {
63     ArrayList<String> data = new ArrayList<String>();
64     Component comp;
65
66     MyModel(Component c) {
67         comp = c;
68         data.add("Alice");
69         data.add("Kylie");
70         data.add("Wilma");
71     }
72
73     public void add(String s) {
74         if (data.contains(s)) {
75             JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(
76                 comp, s + " exists", "ERROR",
77                 JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
78             return;
79         }
80         data.add(s);
81         Collections.sort(data);
82         fireIntervalAdded(this, 0, data.size());
83     }
84
85     public void remove(String s) {
86         if (!data.contains(s)) {
87             JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(
88                 comp, "No " + s + " in list", "ERROR",
89                 JOptionPane.ERROR_MESSAGE);
90             return;

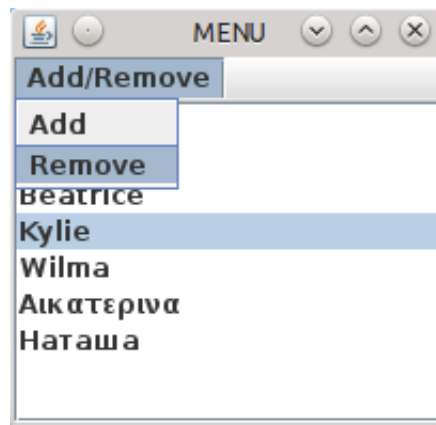
```

```

91     }
92     data.remove(s);
93     fireIntervalRemoved(this, 0, data.size());
94 }
95
96 @Override
97 public String getElementAt(int i) {
98     return data.get(i);
99 }
100
101 @Override
102 public int getSize() {
103     return data.size();
104 }
105 }

```

the program displays a widget like this



As we have said, lists have another model, **ListSelectionModel**, which holds information on whether an item of the list is, or is not, selected. An example below shows how we can use it (it also demonstrates the use of **JSplitPane** widget). In this program, we don't create our own implementation of the model — instead, we use the default implementation provided by **DefaultListModel**:

Listing 120

PEK-MVCList/SimpList.java

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Color;
3  import java.awt.Component;
4  import java.awt.Dimension;
5  import java.awt.Font;
6  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
7  import javax.swing.AbstractAction;
8  import javax.swing.Box;
9  import javax.swing.BoxLayout;
10 import javax.swing.DefaultListModel;
11 import javax.swing.JButton;
12 import javax.swing.JFrame;

```

```

13 import javax.swing.JList;
14 import javax.swing.JPanel;
15 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
16 import javax.swing.JSplitPane;
17 import javax.swing.JTextArea;
18 import javax.swing.ListSelectionModel;
19 import javax.swing.event.ListSelectionEvent;
20 import javax.swing.event.ListSelectionListener;
21
22 public class SimpList extends JFrame {
23     public static void main(String[] args) {
24         new SimpList();
25     }
26
27     SimpList() {
28         super("A simple, modifiable list");
29         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
30         add(new MainPanel());
31         pack();
32         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
33         setVisible(true);
34     }
35 }
36
37 class MainPanel extends JPanel
38     implements ListSelectionListener {
39
40     JTextArea          infoArea;
41     DefaultListModel<Person> model;
42     JList<Person>      list;
43     int                counter;
44
45     MainPanel() {
46         model = new DefaultListModel<>();
47         model.addElement(new Person("Monroe",27));
48         model.addElement(new Person("Novak",21));
49         model.addElement(new Person("Dunaway",18));
50         model.addElement(new Person("Hepburn",46));
51         model.addElement(new Person("Minelli",43));
52         model.addElement(new Person("Garbo",32));
53
54         list = new JList<>(model);
55         list.setSelectionMode(
56             ListSelectionModel.SINGLE_SELECTION);
57         list.setSelectedIndex(0);
58         list.addListSelectionListener(this);
59         list.setFont(new Font("Serif",Font.BOLD,16));
60
61         JScrollPane scrollPers =
62             new JScrollPane(list,

```

```

63         JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED,
64         JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED);
65
66     infoArea = new JTextArea(10,14);
67     infoArea.setFont(new Font("Serif",Font.BOLD,16));
68     infoArea.setBackground(Color.blue);
69     infoArea.setForeground(Color.white);
70     JScrollPane scrollInfo =
71         new JScrollPane(infoArea,
72             JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED,
73             JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED);
74
75     JSplitPane split =
76         new JSplitPane(JSplitPane.HORIZONTAL_SPLIT,
77             scrollInfo,scrollPers);
78     split.setOneTouchExpandable(true);
79     split.setDividerLocation(0.40);
80
81     int width = 200, height = 100;
82     float xjust = CENTER_ALIGNMENT;
83
84     JButton bRem = new JButton(
85         new AbstractAction("Remove") {
86             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
87                 if (list.isEmpty()) return;
88                 int i = list.getSelectedIndex();
89                 model.remove(i);
90                 if (!model.isEmpty()) select(
91                     Math.min(i,model.getSize()-1));
92             }
93         }
94     );
95     configButton(bRem,width,height,xjust);
96
97     JButton bAddAfter = new JButton(
98         new AbstractAction("Add after") {
99             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
100                 if (list.isEmpty()) return;
101                 int i = list.getSelectedIndex();
102                 model.add(i+1,new Person("NewPerson" +
103                     ++counter,3*counter));
104                 select(i);
105             }
106         }
107     );
108     configButton(bAddAfter,width,height,xjust);
109
110     JButton bAddBefore =
111         new JButton(new AbstractAction("Add before") {
112             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {

```

```

113         if (list.isEmpty()) return;
114         int i = list.getSelectedIndex();
115         model.add(i, new Person("NewPerson" +
116                                 ++counter, 3*counter));
117         select(i);
118     }
119 }
120 );
121 configButton(bAddBefore, width, height, xjust);
122
123 JButton bAddEnd = new JButton(
124     new AbstractAction("Add at end") {
125         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
126             model.addElement(new Person("NewPerson" +
127                                         ++counter, 3*counter));
128             select(model.getSize()-1);
129         }
130     }
131 );
132 configButton(bAddEnd, width, height, xjust);
133
134 JButton bInsert = new JButton(
135     new AbstractAction("Insert here") {
136         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
137             if (list.isEmpty()) return;
138             int i = list.getSelectedIndex();
139             model.set(i, new Person("NewPerson" +
140                                     ++counter, 3*counter));
141             select(i);
142         }
143     }
144 );
145 configButton(bInsert, width, height, xjust);
146
147 JPanel box = new JPanel();
148 Dimension rig = new Dimension(1, 5);
149 box.setLayout(new BoxLayout(box, BoxLayout.Y_AXIS));
150 box.add(Box.createVerticalGlue());
151 box.add(bRem);
152 box.add(Box.createRigidArea(rig));
153 box.add(bAddAfter);
154 box.add(Box.createRigidArea(rig));
155 box.add(bAddBefore);
156 box.add(Box.createRigidArea(rig));
157 box.add(bAddEnd);
158 box.add(Box.createRigidArea(rig));
159 box.add(bInsert);
160 box.add(Box.createVerticalGlue());
161
162 setLayout(new BorderLayout());

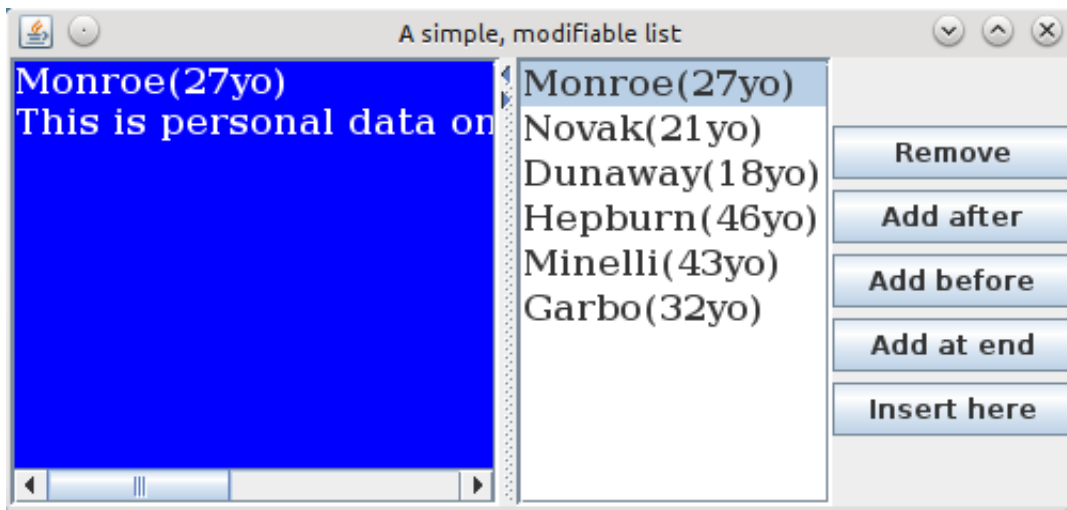
```

```

163     add(box, BorderLayout.EAST);
164     add(split, BorderLayout.CENTER);
165
166     select(0);
167 }
168
169 void configButton(JButton b, int w, int h, float just) {
170     b.setMaximumSize(new Dimension(w,h));
171     b.setAlignmentX(just);
172 }
173
174 void select(int i) {
175     list.ensureIndexIsVisible(i);
176     list.setSelectedIndex(i);
177     infoArea.setText(
178         ((Person)model.getElementAt(i)).getData());
179     infoArea.setCaretPosition(0);
180 }
181
182 public void valueChanged(ListSelectionEvent e) {
183     if (e.getValueIsAdjusting() ||
184         list.isEmpty()) return;
185     select(list.getSelectedIndex());
186 }
187 }
188
189 class Person {
190     private String name;
191     private int age;
192     private String personalData;
193
194     Person(String n, int a) {
195         name = n;
196         age = a;
197         personalData = name + "(" + age + "yo)\nThis is " +
198             "personal data on the aforementioned person...";
199     }
200     String getData() {
201         return personalData;
202     }
203     @Override
204     public String toString() {
205         return name + "(" + age + "yo)";
206     }
207 }

```

The program displays:



Almost the same program may be rewritten with a custom implementation of the model (by extending **AbstractListModel**)

Listing 121

PEM-MVCListModif/CustomLModel.java

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Color;
3  import java.awt.Component;
4  import java.awt.Dimension;
5  import java.awt.Font;
6  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
7  import java.util.ArrayList;
8  import java.util.Arrays;
9  import java.util.List;
10 import javax.swing.AbstractAction;
11 import javax.swing.AbstractListModel;
12 import javax.swing.Box;
13 import javax.swing.BoxLayout;
14 import javax.swing.JButton;
15 import javax.swing.JFrame;
16 import javax.swing.JList;
17 import javax.swing.JPanel;
18 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
19 import javax.swing.JSplitPane;
20 import javax.swing.JTextArea;
21 import javax.swing.ListSelectionModel;
22 import javax.swing.event.ListSelectionEvent;
23 import javax.swing.event.ListSelectionListener;
24 import static javax.swing.JScrollPane.*;
25
26 public class CustomLModel extends JFrame {
27     public static void main(String[] args) {
28         new CustomLModel();
29     }
30
31     CustomLModel() {

```

```

32     setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
33     setTitle("Example of modifiable list");
34     Person[] data = {
35         new Person("Poe",27),
36         new Person("Elliot",21),
37         new Person("Whitman",18),
38         new Person("Pound",61),
39         new Person("Burns",43),
40         new Person("Byron",32),
41     };
42     add(new MainPanel(data));
43
44     pack();
45     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
46     setVisible(true);
47 }
48 }
49
50 class MainPanel extends JPanel
51     implements ListSelectionListener {
52     JTextArea    infoArea;
53     LModel       model;
54     JList<Person> list;
55     int          count;
56
57     MainPanel(Person[] arr) {
58         model = new LModel(arr);
59         list = new JList<Person>(model);
60         list.setSelectionMode(
61             ListSelectionModel.SINGLE_SELECTION);
62         list.setSelectedIndex(0);
63         list.addListSelectionListener(this);
64         list.setFont(new Font("Serif",Font.BOLD,16));
65         list.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200,250));
66
67         JScrollPane scrollPers =
68             new JScrollPane(list,
69                 VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED,
70                 HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED);
71
72         infoArea = new JTextArea(10,14);
73         infoArea.setFont(new Font("Serif",Font.BOLD,16));
74         infoArea.setBackground(Color.blue);
75         infoArea.setForeground(Color.white);
76         JScrollPane scrollInfo =
77             new JScrollPane(infoArea,
78                 VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED,
79                 HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_AS_NEEDED);
80
81         JSplitPane split =

```



```

82         new JSplitPane(JSplitPane.HORIZONTAL_SPLIT,
83             scrollInfo,scrollPers);
84     split.setOneTouchExpandable(true);
85     split.setDividerLocation(0.40);
86
87     int    width = 200, height = 100;
88     float xjust = Component.CENTER_ALIGNMENT;
89
90     JButton bDelete = new JButton(
91         new AbstractAction("Delete") {
92             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
93                 if (list.isEmpty()) return;
94                 int i = list.getSelectedIndex();
95                 model.remove(i);
96                 if (!model.isEmpty()) select(
97                     Math.min(i,model.getSize()-1));
98             }
99         }
100     );
101     configButton(bDelete,width,height,xjust);
102
103     JButton bAddAfter = new JButton(
104         new AbstractAction("Add after") {
105             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
106                 if (list.isEmpty()) return;
107                 int i = list.getSelectedIndex();
108                 model.add(i+1,new Person("New person " +
109                     ++count,3*count));
110                 select(i);
111             }
112         }
113     );
114     configButton(bAddAfter,width,height,xjust);
115
116     JButton bAddBefore =
117         new JButton(new AbstractAction("Add before") {
118             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
119                 if (list.isEmpty()) return;
120                 int i = list.getSelectedIndex();
121                 model.add(i,new Person("New person " +
122                     ++count,3*count));
123                 select(i);
124             }
125         }
126     );
127     configButton(bAddBefore,width,height,xjust);
128
129     JButton bAddAtEnd = new JButton(
130         new AbstractAction("Add at end") {
131             public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {

```

```

132         model.add(new Person("New person " +
133                               ++count,3*count));
134         select(model.getSize()-1);
135     }
136 }
137 );
138 configButton(bAddAtEnd,width,height,xjust);
139
140 JButton bInsert = new JButton(
141     new AbstractAction("Replace") {
142         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
143             if (list.isEmpty()) return;
144             int i = list.getSelectedIndex();
145             model.set(i,new Person("New person " +
146                                   ++count,3*count));
147             select(i);
148         }
149     }
150 );
151 configButton(bInsert,width,height,xjust);
152
153 JPanel box = new JPanel();
154 Dimension rig = new Dimension(1,5);
155 box.setLayout(new BoxLayout(box,BoxLayout.Y_AXIS));
156 box.add(Box.createVerticalGlue());
157 box.add(bDelete);
158 box.add(Box.createRigidArea(rig));
159 box.add(bAddAfter);
160 box.add(Box.createRigidArea(rig));
161 box.add(bAddBefore);
162 box.add(Box.createRigidArea(rig));
163 box.add(bAddAtEnd);
164 box.add(Box.createRigidArea(rig));
165 box.add(bInsert);
166 box.add(Box.createVerticalGlue());
167
168 setLayout(new BorderLayout());
169 add(box, BorderLayout.EAST);
170 add(split,BorderLayout.CENTER);
171
172 select(0);
173 }
174
175 void configButton(JButton b, int w, int h, float just) {
176     b.setMaximumSize(new Dimension(w,h));
177     b.setAlignmentX(just);
178 }
179
180 void select(int i) {
181     list.ensureIndexIsVisible(i);

```

```

182         list.setSelectedIndex(i);
183         infoArea.setText(
184             ((Person)model.getElementAt(i)).getData());
185         infoArea.setCaretPosition(0);
186     }
187
188     // implementing ListSelectionListener
189     public void valueChanged(ListSelectionEvent e) {
190         if (e.getValueIsAdjusting() ||
191             list.isEmpty()) return;
192         select(list.getSelectedIndex());
193     }
194 }
195
196 class LModel extends AbstractListModel<Person> {
197
198     List<Person> data;
199     int size;
200
201     LModel(Person[] arr) {
202         data = new ArrayList<Person>(Arrays.asList(arr));
203         size = data.size();
204     }
205
206     public void add(Person o) {
207         data.add(o);
208         fireIntervalAdded(this, size-1, size-1);
209     }
210
211     public void add(int i, Person p) {
212         if (size > 0)
213             data.add(i, p);
214         else
215             data.add(p);
216         fireIntervalAdded(this, i, i);
217     }
218
219     public void remove(int i) {
220         data.remove(i);
221         fireIntervalRemoved(this, i, i);
222     }
223
224     public void set(int i, Person o) {
225         data.set(i, o);
226         fireContentsChanged(this, i, i);
227     }
228
229     public boolean isEmpty() {
230         return data.isEmpty();
231     }

```

```

232
233     // interface ListModel
234     @Override
235     public Person getElementAt(int i) {
236         return data.get(i);
237     }
238     @Override
239     public int getSize() {
240         return data.size();
241     }
242 }
243
244 class Person {
245     private String name;
246     private int    age;
247     private String data;
248
249     Person(String n, int w) {
250         name = n;
251         age  = w;
252         data = name + " " + age + "\nThis is\ndescript" +
253             "ion of\nthis person:\nAddress: ...\n"+
254             "Telephone number: ...\ne\nt\nc...";
255     }
256     String getData() {
257         return data;
258     }
259     @Override
260     public String toString() {
261         return name;
262     }
263 }

```

Individual cells are rendered as **JComponents** (if they are **JComponents**) or as **JLabels** with an appropriate strings as the text. We can, however, provide our own renderer: all we have to do is to implement the **ListCellRenderer** interface with one method. The program below demonstrates how to do it:

Listing 122

PEG-ListRender/ListRender.java

```

1  import java.awt.Dimension;
2  import java.awt.Color;
3  import java.awt.Component;
4  import java.util.Calendar;
5  import java.util.Locale;
6  import javax.swing.AbstractListModel;
7  import javax.swing.Icon;
8  import javax.swing.ImageIcon;
9  import javax.swing.JFrame;

```

```

10 import javax.swing.JLabel;
11 import javax.swing.JList;
12 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
13 import javax.swing.ListCellRenderer;
14 import static java.util.Calendar.*;
15
16 public class ListRender extends JFrame {
17     public static void main(String[] args) {
18         new ListRender();
19     }
20     ListRender() {
21         super("Next 30 days");
22         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
23         JList<Calendar> list = new JList<>(new MyModel());
24         list.setCellRenderer(new CalRenderer());
25         JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(list);
26         scroll.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(210,150));
27         add(scroll);
28         pack();
29         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
30         setVisible(true);
31     }
32 }
33
34 class MyModel extends AbstractListModel<Calendar> {
35     @Override
36     public int getSize() { return 30; }
37     public Calendar getElementAt(int i) {
38         Calendar cal = Calendar.getInstance(Locale.ITALY);
39         cal.add(Calendar.DATE, i+1);
40         return cal;
41     }
42 }
43
44 class CalRenderer extends JLabel
45     implements ListCellRenderer<Calendar> {
46     static Color colUnSel = new Color(0xCC,0xCC,0xCC);
47     static Color colSel   = new Color(0xFF,0xCC,0xCC);
48     static Icon week = new ImageIcon("green.gif");
49     static Icon holy = new ImageIcon("red.gif");
50     static Locale loc = Locale.ITALY;
51
52     @Override
53     public Component getListCellRendererComponent (
54         JList<? extends Calendar> list, Calendar cal,
55         int index, boolean isSel, boolean hasFocus) {
56         setOpaque(true);
57         if (cal.get(DAY_OF_WEEK) == SUNDAY ||
58             cal.get(DAY_OF_WEEK) == SATURDAY)
59             setIcon(holy);

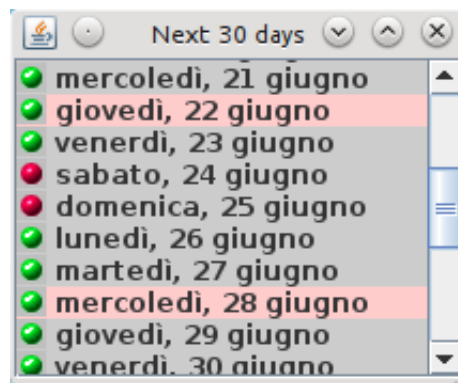
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60     else
61         setIcon(week);
62     setBackground(isSel ? colSel : colUnSel);
63     setText(cal.getDisplayName(DAY_OF_WEEK, LONG, loc) +
64            ", " + cal.get(DAY_OF_MONTH) + " " +
65            cal.getDisplayName(MONTH, LONG, loc));
66     return this;
67 }
68 }

```

The program displays:



11.3 Trees

Another component that is often useful is **JTree**. It is backed by **TreeSelectionModel**. Listeners of this model implement the functional interface **TreeSelectionListener** with only one method — **valueChanged**. The example below demonstrates how to use basic features of trees:

Listing 123

PEI-JTree/MyTree.java

```

1  import java.awt.Dimension;
2  import javax.swing.JFrame;
3  import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
4  import javax.swing.JTree;
5  import javax.swing.event.TreeSelectionEvent;
6  import javax.swing.event.TreeSelectionListener;
7  import javax.swing.tree.DefaultMutableTreeNode;
8  import javax.swing.tree.TreeSelectionModel;
9
10 public class MyTree extends JFrame
11     implements TreeSelectionListener {
12     public static void main(String[] args) {
13         new MyTree();
14     }
15
16     String artists[] = {"Writers", "Painters", "Composers"};
17     String data[][] = {
18         {"Joyce", "Babel", "Gombrowicz", "Mann" },

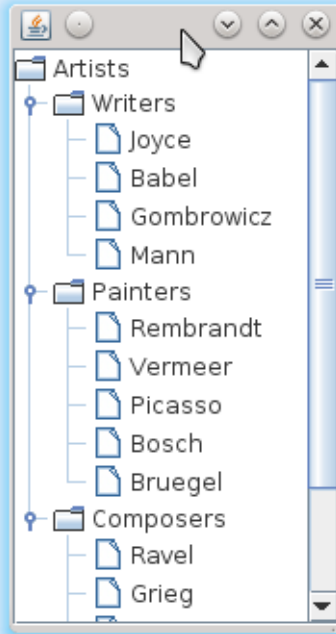
```

```

19     {"Rembrandt", "Vermeer", "Picasso", "Bosch", "Bruegel"},
20     {"Ravel", "Grieg", "Bach", "Mahler", "Mozart", "Chopin"}
21 };
22 public MyTree() {
23     setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
24     DefaultMutableTreeNode root =
25         new DefaultMutableTreeNode("Artists");
26     for (int i = 0; i < artists.length; ++i) {
27         DefaultMutableTreeNode n =
28             new DefaultMutableTreeNode(artists[i]);
29         for (int j = 0; j < data[i].length; ++j)
30             n.add(new DefaultMutableTreeNode(
31                 data[i][j]));
32         root.add(n);
33     }
34
35     JTree tree = new JTree(root);
36     tree.getSelectionModel().setSelectionMode
37         (TreeSelectionMode.SINGLE_TREE_SELECTION);
38     tree.addTreeSelectionListener(this);
39     JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(tree);
40     scroll.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(170, 300));
41     add(scroll);
42     pack();
43     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
44     setVisible(true);
45 }
46 @Override
47 public void valueChanged(TreeSelectionEvent e) {
48     JTree tree = (JTree) e.getSource();
49     DefaultMutableTreeNode node =
50         (DefaultMutableTreeNode)
51         tree.getLastSelectedPathComponent();
52     if (node == null) return;
53     if (node.isLeaf())
54         System.out.println(node.getUserObject());
55 }
56 }

```

The program displays



However, trees are quite rich and complicated objects — further details can be found in the documentation. In particular, one can also define (as for lists and tables) custom cell renderers.

11.4 Models and listeners

As there are very many graphical widgets defined in Swing, the number of different models is also quite big: the table below shows commonly used models for various components:

Table 4: Model and their listeners

Model	Listener interface	Type of events
BoundedRangeModel	ChangeListener	ChangeEvent
ButtonModel	ChangeListener	ChangeEvent
SingleSelectionModel	ChangeListener	ChangeEvent
ListModel	ListDataListener	ListDataEvent
ListSelectionModel	ListSelectionListener	ListSelectionEvent
ComboBoxModel	ListDataListener	ListDataEvent
TreeModel	TreeModelListener	TreeModelEvent
TreeSelectionModel	TreeSelectionListener	TreeSelectionEvent
TableModel	TableModelListener	TableModelEvent
TableColumnModel	TableColumnModelListener	TableColumnModelEvent
Document	DocumentListener	DocumentEvent
Document	UndoableEditListener	UndoableEditEvent

11.5 Examples

Let us now consider another, more complex, example of lists. Here, we also demonstrate, among other things, **JSlider** widget:

Listing 124

MEM-JListSlider/SliList.java

```
1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Color;
3  import javax.swing.AbstractListModel;
4  import javax.swing.JFrame;
5  import javax.swing.JLabel;
6  import javax.swing.JList;
7  import javax.swing.JPanel;
8  import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
9  import javax.swing.JSlider;
10 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
11 import javax.swing.border.EmptyBorder;
12 import javax.swing.border.LineBorder;
13 import javax.swing.border.TitledBorder;
14 import javax.swing.event.ChangeEvent;
15 import javax.swing.event.ChangeListener;
16 import java.util.Calendar;
17 import java.util.Hashtable;
18 import java.util.Locale;
19 import java.util.Map;
20
21 public class SliList extends JFrame
22         implements ChangeListener {
23     private JList<String> list;
24     private JSlider years, months;
25     private int year, month, currYear, currMonth, currDay;
26
27     //private Locale locale = Locale.getDefault();
28     //private Locale locale = new Locale("pl", "PL");
29     private Locale locale = new Locale("uk", "UA");
30     //private Locale locale = new Locale("el", "GR");
31     //private Locale locale = new Locale("ar", "SA");
32     //private Locale locale = new Locale("iw", "IL");
33
34     public static void main(String args[]) {
35         new SliList();
36     }
37
38     SliList() {
39         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
40
41         Calendar today = Calendar.getInstance(locale);
42         currYear = today.get(Calendar.YEAR);
43         year = currYear;
```

```

44      // currMonth will be in [1,12]
45      currMonth = today.get(Calendar.MONTH)+1;
46      month      = currMonth;
47      currDay    = today.get(Calendar.DAY_OF_MONTH);
48
49      // this will initialize static arrays monNames
50      // and dayNames in object of class CallListModel
51      list = new JList<>(new CallListModel(
52          year,month,locale));
53
54      years = new JSlider(JSlider.HORIZONTAL,
55          2000, 2025, year);
56      years.setMajorTickSpacing(5);
57      years.setMinorTickSpacing(1);
58      years.setPaintTicks(true);
59      years.setPaintLabels(true);
60
61      years.setBorder(new TitledBorder("Years"));
62
63      years.addChangeListener(this);
64      add(years, BorderLayout.NORTH);
65
66      Map<String,Integer> mNames =
67          today.getDisplayNames(Calendar.MONTH,
68              Calendar.SHORT,locale);
69      String[] mon = new String[12];
70      mNames.entrySet()
71          .stream()
72          .forEach(e -> mon[e.getValue()] = e.getKey());
73      // Hashtable is obsolete, but necessary here...
74      Hashtable<Integer,JLabel> labs = new Hashtable<>();
75      for (int i = 1; i <= 12; i++) {
76          JLabel lab = new JLabel(
77              CallListModel.monNames[i-1],
78              JLabel.CENTER);
79          if (i==currMonth) lab.setForeground(Color.RED);
80          labs.put(i, lab);
81      }
82
83      months = new JSlider(JSlider.VERTICAL,1,12,month);
84      // labs must be Hashtable, n o t Map!
85      months.setLabelTable(labs);
86      months.setPaintLabels(true);
87      months.setMajorTickSpacing(1);
88      months.setPaintTicks(true);
89      months.setSnapToTicks(true);
90      months.setInverted(true); // min value at the top
91      months.setBorder(new EmptyBorder(10,10,10,10));
92      months.addChangeListener(this);
93

```

```

94     JPanel p = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());
95     p.setBorder(new LineBorder(Color.blue));
96     p.add(months, "East");
97
98     // this will set max size
99     list.setPrototypeCellValue("XX XXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX");
100
101     list.setSelectedIndex(currDay-1);
102     list.setVisibleRowCount(20);
103
104     p.add(new JScrollPane(list), BorderLayout.CENTER);
105     add(p, BorderLayout.CENTER);
106
107     SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> {
108         pack();
109         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
110         setVisible(true);
111     });
112 }
113
114 public void stateChanged(ChangeEvent e) {
115     JSlider sl = (JSlider)e.getSource();
116
117     if (sl.getValueIsAdjusting()) return;
118     int n_year  = year,
119         n_month = month;
120     // which slider?
121     if (sl == years)
122         n_year = sl.getValue();
123     else if (sl == months)
124         n_month = sl.getValue();
125
126     // if new values different than the old
127     if (n_year != year || n_month != month) {
128         year  = n_year;
129         month = n_month;
130         // new model for different month/year
131         list.setModel(new CallListModel(
132             year, month, locale));
133         if (year==currYear && month==currMonth) {
134             list.setSelectedIndex(currDay-1);
135             list.ensureIndexIsVisible(currDay-1);
136         } else list.ensureIndexIsVisible(0);
137     }
138 }
139 }
140
141 class CallListModel extends AbstractListModel<String> {
142     private static Calendar cal = Calendar.getInstance();
143

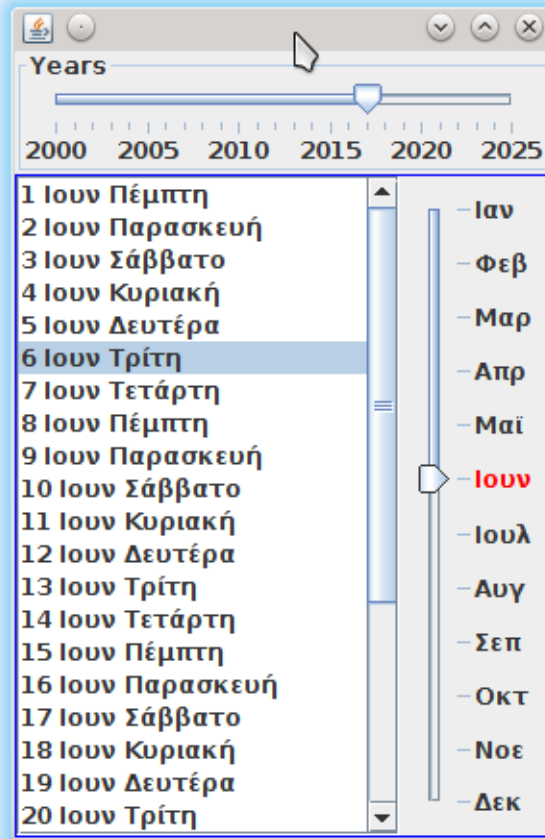
```

```

144     private int year;
145     private int month;
146     private Locale locale;
147
148     static String[] dayNames = null;
149     static String[] monNames = null;
150
151     CallListModel(int y, int m, Locale loc) {
152         year = y;
153         month = m - 1; // as months 0-based...
154         locale = loc;
155         cal.set(year, month, 1);
156
157         dayNames = new String[7];
158         Map<String, Integer> dNames = cal.getDisplayNames(
159             Calendar.DAY_OF_WEEK, Calendar.LONG, locale);
160         dNames.entrySet()
161             .stream()
162             .forEach(e ->
163                 dayNames[e.getValue()-1] = e.getKey());
164
165         monNames = new String[12];
166         Map<String, Integer> mNames = cal.getDisplayNames(
167             Calendar.MONTH, Calendar.SHORT, locale);
168         mNames.entrySet()
169             .stream()
170             .forEach( e ->
171                 monNames[e.getValue()] = e.getKey());
172     }
173
174     public String getElementAt(int i) {
175         // i is 0-based, but day of month is 1-based...
176         cal.set(year, month, i+1); // month is 0-based!
177         int indDay = cal.get(Calendar.DAY_OF_WEEK) - 1;
178         return (i+1) + " " + monNames[month] +
179             " " + cal.getDisplayName(
180                 Calendar.DAY_OF_WEEK,
181                 Calendar.LONG, locale);
182     }
183
184     public int getSize() {
185         return cal.getActualMaximum(Calendar.DAY_OF_MONTH);
186     }
187 }

```

The program displays



In the following example, we demonstrate the use of **JComboBox**. It is backed by **ComboBoxModel** which extends **ListModel**. Combo boxes do not have selection models, because there is always only one item selected; instead, methods **getSelectedItem** and **setSelectedItem** have been moved to the **JComboBoxModel** itself.

Listing 125

PEH-Combo/MyCombo.java

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Font;
3  import java.awt.GridLayout;
4  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
5  import javax.swing.AbstractAction;
6  import javax.swing.BorderFactory;
7  import javax.swing.JButton;
8  import javax.swing.JComboBox;
9  import javax.swing.JFrame;
10 import javax.swing.JLabel;
11 import javax.swing.JPanel;
12 import javax.swing.JTextField;
13 import java.text.DecimalFormat;
14 import java.text.NumberFormat;
15 import static javax.swing.SwingConstants.RIGHT;
16
17 public class MyCombo extends JFrame {

```

```

18 JComboBox<City> cities;
19 JComboBox<String> discount;
20 JTextField result;
21
22 public static void main(String[] args) {
23     new MyCombo();
24 }
25
26 MyCombo() {
27     super("PKP");
28     setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
29     // to format prices
30     final NumberFormat form = new DecimalFormat("#.00");
31     // data
32     final City[] data =
33     {
34         new City("Gda\u0144sk",75.90),
35         new City("Kra\u00f3w",60.30),
36         new City("Lublin",50.40),
37         new City("Pozna\u0144",54.10),
38         new City("Zabrze",61.70)
39     };
40     // combo with JLabels
41     JLabel lcity = new JLabel("Destination:",RIGHT);
42     JLabel ldisc = new JLabel("Discount (%):",RIGHT);
43     cities = new JComboBox<City>(data);
44     discount = new JComboBox<String>(
45         new String[]{"0", "25", "33", "50"});
46
47     JPanel combos = new JPanel(new GridLayout(2,2,7,7));
48     combos.add(lcity);
49     combos.add(cities);
50     combos.add(ldisc);
51     combos.add(discount);
52
53     // button "Get price"
54     JButton ok =
55         new JButton(new AbstractAction("Get price")
56     {
57         @Override
58         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
59             City city =
60                 (City)cities.getSelectedItem();
61             double z = Double.parseDouble(
62                 (String)discount.getSelectedItem());
63             double c = city.getPrice();
64             String price = form.format((1-z/100)*c);
65             result.setText(city + ", discount " +
66                 z + "% : " + price + " z\u0142");
67         }

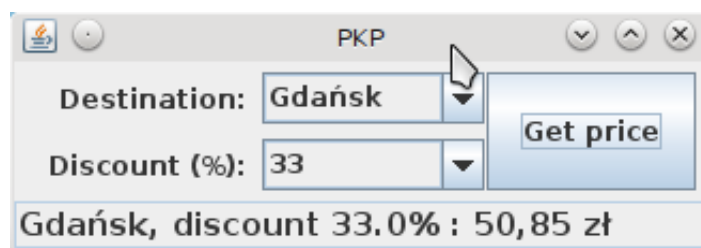
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```

68     });
69
70     JPanel panel = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());
71     panel.add(combos, BorderLayout.CENTER);
72     panel.add(ok, BorderLayout.EAST);
73     panel.setBorder(
74         BorderFactory.createEmptyBorder(5, 5, 5, 5));
75
76     // field for the result
77     result = new JTextField(20);
78     result.setFont(new Font("Monospace", Font.BOLD, 15));
79     result.setEditable(false);
80
81     setLayout(new BorderLayout());
82     add(panel, BorderLayout.CENTER);
83     add(result, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
84
85     pack();
86     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
87     setVisible(true);
88 }
89 }
90
91 class City implements Comparable<City> {
92     private String name;
93     private double price;
94
95     City(String name, double price) {
96         this.name = name;
97         this.price = price;
98     }
99
100     public double getPrice() { return price; }
101
102     @Override
103     public int compareTo(City other) {
104         return name.compareTo(other.name);
105     }
106     @Override
107     public String toString() { return name; }
108 }

```

The program displays



11.6 Tables

Tables (object of type **JTable**) are probably the most complicated components in Swing. In order to construct a table from our data, we need a two dimensional array of objects, rows of which will be rendered as rows of the table. Headers (names of the columns) of the table are then passed to the constructor as the second argument in the form of a one dimensional array. Instead of arrays, we also can use a **Vectors** — a little deprecated version of **ArrayList**.

Let us consider a very simple example. Here, we pass the data in the form of a two-dimensional array of **Objects**

Listing 126

PEO-SimpTable/SimpTable.java

```
1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Dimension;
3  import java.awt.event.ActionEvent;
4  import javax.swing.AbstractAction;
5  import javax.swing.JButton;
6  import javax.swing.JFrame;
7  import javax.swing.JPanel;
8  import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
9  import javax.swing.JTable;
10 import javax.swing.table.TableModel;
11
12 public class SimpTable extends JPanel {
13     public SimpTable() {
14         super(new BorderLayout());
15         String[] colNames = {
16             "F-name", "L-name", "Birth y.",
17             "Dept", "stipend?"
18         };
19         Object[] [] data = {
20             {"Mary", "Brown", new Integer(1997),
21              "Infor", new Boolean(true)},
22             {"John", "Black", new Integer(1996),
23              "NewM", new Boolean(false)},
24             {"Suzy", "White", new Integer(1998),
25              "Infor", new Boolean(false)},
26             {"Kate", "Gray", new Integer(1995),
27              "DBas", new Boolean(false)},
28             {"Bob", "Green", new Integer(1999),
29              "NewM", new Boolean(false)}
30         };
31
32         JTable table = new JTable(data, colNames);
33         table.setAutoCreateRowSorter(true);
34         table.setPreferredScrollableViewportSize(
35             new Dimension(500, 70));
36         table.setFillsViewportHeight(true);
37         JScrollPane scrollPane = new JScrollPane(table);
```

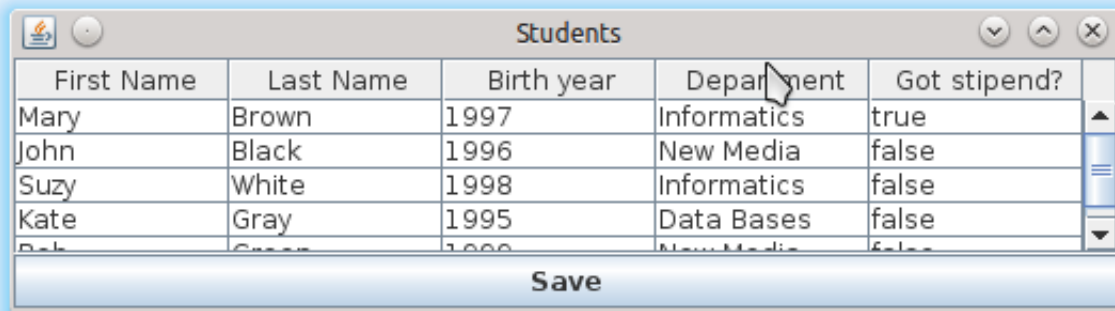


```

38     add(scrollPane);
39
40     JButton b = new JButton(new AbstractAction("Show") {
41         @Override
42         public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) {
43             save(table);
44         }
45     });
46     add(b, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
47 }
48
49 private void save(JTable table) {
50     TableModel m = table.getModel();
51     String stars = new String(new char[68])
52         .replace('\0', '*');
53     for (int r = 0; r < m.getRowCount(); ++r) {
54         System.out.print("|");
55         for (int c = 0; c < m.getColumnCount(); ++c) {
56             Object ob = m.getValueAt(r, c);
57             String claz = ob.getClass().getSimpleName();
58             String val = ob.toString();
59             System.out.printf("%-" + claz.length() +
60                 "s:%5s|", claz, ob.toString());
61         }
62         System.out.println();
63     }
64     System.out.println(stars);
65 }
66
67 public static void main(String... args) {
68     JFrame f = new JFrame("Students");
69     f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
70     f.add(new SimpTable());
71     f.pack();
72     f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
73     f.setVisible(true);
74 }
75 }

```

which displays



Even in this simple case, the table has quite rich functionality — one can edit the cells (after double-clicking), reorder columns, sort rows etc. However, all values are treated as just strings. Notice, that the last column is of boolean type, but still we can enter there any string whatsoever!

In order to enrich the functionality of the table, we have to use models. In fact there are three models associated with tables

- Model of the data — an object implementing **TableModel**. It represents the data themselves, arranged in rows and columns. Data in one column have common type, but it may be different for different columns.
- Model describing properties of columns — an object implementing **TableColumnModel** and managing objects of type **TableColumn**. We can get the reference to such object by invoking **getColumn** on the model or on the table; as the argument we can pass an index of the column or its header (title). The model allows us to add, remove or reorder columns dynamically. In particular, columns are characterized by
 - header (title);
 - renderer of the header;
 - cell renderer (of type **TableCellRenderer**); it specifies a component representing the value of a cell (but without normal functionality of this component). By default these will be
 - * **JLabel** with centered icon for columns of type **Icon**;
 - * **JLabel** with right-aligned string for columns of numerical types (**Number**);
 - * **JCheckBox** for columns of **Boolean** type;
 - * **JLabel** with text obtained by invoking **toString** on columns of other types.
 - cell editor (of type **TableCellEditor**) which is represented by a ‘live’ component and allows us to dynamically edit values associated with cells.
- Model responsible for information on selections (as for lists) — an object implementing **ListSelectionModel**.

The example below demonstrates how one can attach selection and mouse listeners to a table:

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Dimension;
3  import java.awt.event.MouseEvent;
4  import java.awt.event.MouseAdapter;
5  import javax.swing.JFrame;
6  import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
7  import javax.swing.JPanel;
8  import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
9  import javax.swing.JSplitPane;
10 import javax.swing.JTable;
11 import javax.swing.JTextArea;
12 import javax.swing.ListSelectionModel;
13 import javax.swing.event.ListSelectionEvent;
14 import javax.swing.event.ListSelectionListener;
15 import static javax.swing.SwingUtilities.isRightMouseButton;
16
17 public class TableSels extends JPanel {
18     public static void main(String... args) {
19         JFrame f = new JFrame("Selections in JTables");
20         f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
21         f.add(new TableSels());
22         f.pack();
23         f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
24         f.setVisible(true);
25     }
26
27     public TableSels() {
28         setLayout(new BorderLayout());
29
30         JTextArea tAr = new JTextArea(10, 30);
31         tAr.setEditable(false);
32         JScrollPane msgPane = new JScrollPane(tAr,
33             JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS,
34             JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS);
35         msgPane.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(420,100));
36
37         String[] colNames =
38             {"Country",    "Capital",  "Continent"};
39         String[] [] data = {
40             {"France",    "Paris",     "Europe"   },
41             {"Mexico",    "Mexico",    "America"  },
42             {"China",     "Beijing",   "Asia"     },
43             {"Australia", "Canberra", "Australia"},
44             {"Nigeria",   "Abuja",    "Africa"   }};
45         JTable table = new JTable(data, colNames);
46         table.setPreferredSize(
47             new Dimension(400, 100));
48         ListSelectionModel selM = table.getSelectionModel();

```

```

49     selM.addListSelectionListener(new SelListener(tAr));
50     selM.setSelectionMode(
51         ListSelectionModel.SINGLE_INTERVAL_SELECTION);
52     table.setSelectionModel(selM);
53     table.addMouseListener(new TabMouseListener());
54     JScrollPane tablePane = new JScrollPane(table,
55         JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS,
56         JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_NEVER);
57     tablePane.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(420,100));
58
59     add(new JSplitPane(JSplitPane.VERTICAL_SPLIT,
60         msgPane, tablePane));
61 }
62
63 class SelListener implements ListSelectionListener {
64     JTextArea tArea;
65     SelListener(JTextArea ta) { tArea = ta; }
66     @Override
67     public void valueChanged(ListSelectionEvent e) {
68         // to avoid printing info twice
69         if (e.getValueIsAdjusting()) return;
70         ListSelectionModel m =
71             (ListSelectionModel)e.getSource();
72         tArea.append("ROWS SELECTED: ");
73         if (m.isSelectionEmpty()) {
74             tArea.append("NONE\n");
75         } else {
76             // in modes 'single interval'
77             // and 'multiple interval',
78             // many rows may be selected!
79             int mn = m.getMinSelectionIndex();
80             int mx = m.getMaxSelectionIndex();
81             for (int i = mn; i <= mx; ++i) {
82                 if (m.isSelectedIndex(i)) {
83                     tArea.append(" " + i);
84                 }
85             }
86             tArea.append("\n");
87         }
88     }
89 }
90
91 class TabMouseListener extends MouseAdapter {
92     @Override
93     public void mousePressed(MouseEvent e) {
94         if (!isRightMouseButton(e)) return;
95         JTable table = (JTable)e.getSource();
96         int row = table.rowAtPoint(e.getPoint());
97         int col = table.columnAtPoint(e.getPoint());
98         JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,

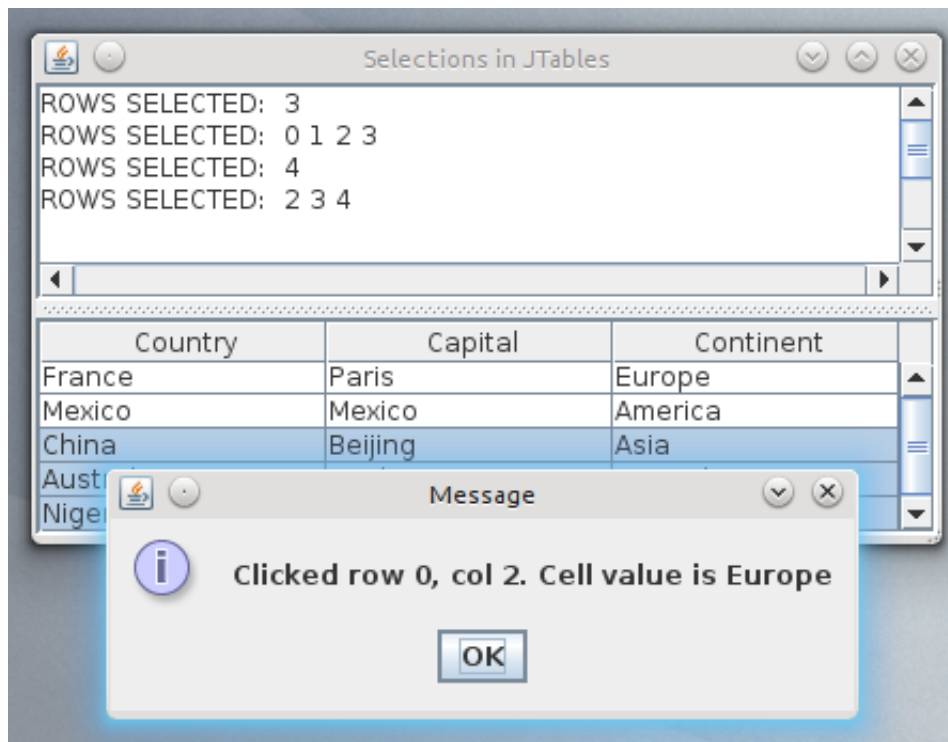
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```

99         "Clicked row " + row + ", col " +
100         col + ". Cell value is " +
101         table.getValueAt(row,col));
102     }
103 }
104 }

```

which displays



A more complicated example presented below demonstrates renderers — one can attach separate renderers to any column separately or to all columns of a given type, as below:

Listing 128

PET-TableEx/TableEx.java

```

1  import java.awt.Color;
2  import java.awt.Component;
3  import java.awt.Font;
4  import java.util.ArrayList;
5  import java.util.List;
6  import javax.swing.JFrame;
7  import javax.swing.JLabel;
8  import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
9  import javax.swing.JTable;
10 import javax.swing.table.AbstractTableModel;
11 import javax.swing.table.TableCellRenderer;
12 import static javax.swing.JScrollPane.*;
13
14 public class TableEx {
15     public static void main(String... args) {
16         JTable table = new JTable(new MyTabModel());

```

```

17     table.setDefaultRenderer(java.awt.Color.class,
18         new MyColorCellRend());
19     table.setDefaultRenderer(java.lang.Integer.class,
20         new MyIntCellRend());
21     table.getColumnModel().setCellRenderer(
22         new MyNameCellRend());
23
24     // This is needed; otherwise the table
25     // does not fill the whole scroll...
26     table.setPreferredScrollableViewportSize(
27         table.getPreferredSize());
28     JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(table,
29         VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS,
30         HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS);
31     JFrame f = new JFrame("Table");
32     f.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
33     f.add(scroll);
34     f.setLocationRelativeTo(null);
35     f.pack();
36     f.setVisible(true);
37 }
38 }
39
40 class MyTabModel extends AbstractTableModel {
41
42     ArrayList<Class> classes = new ArrayList<>();
43     ArrayList<String> colname = new ArrayList<>();
44
45     ArrayList<String> name = new ArrayList<>();
46     ArrayList<Color> colo = new ArrayList<>();
47     ArrayList<Integer> ints = new ArrayList<>();
48
49     ArrayList<Object> data = new ArrayList<>();
50
51     int ilerows;
52
53     public static void main(String... args) {
54         new MyTabModel();
55     }
56
57     private void readData() {
58         String[] lines = {
59             "Alice  255  0  0  6",
60             "Kylie   0 255  0  9",
61             "Janet   0  0 255 12",
62             "Sandra 102  0  51  2",
63             "Patty   0  51  51  7",
64             "Wilma  201 201 255 10",
65         };
66         try {

```

```

67         classes.add(Class.forName("java.lang.String"));
68         classes.add(Class.forName("java.awt.Color"));
69         classes.add(Class.forName("java.lang.Integer"));
70         colname.add("Name");
71         colname.add("Color");
72         colname.add("Month");
73     } catch(ClassNotFoundException e) {
74         e.printStackTrace();
75         System.exit(1);
76     }
77     ilerows = lines.length;
78     for (String line : lines) {
79         String[] fields = line.split("\\s+");
80         name.add(fields[0]);
81         colo.add(new Color(Integer.parseInt(fields[1]),
82                             Integer.parseInt(fields[2]),
83                             Integer.parseInt(fields[3])));
84         ints.add(Integer.valueOf(fields[4]));
85     }
86     data.add(name);
87     data.add(colo);
88     data.add(ints);
89 }
90
91 public MyTabModel() {
92     readData();
93 }
94
95 @Override
96 public int getColumnCount() {
97     return data.size();
98 }
99
100 @Override
101 public Object getValueAt(int r, int c) {
102     return ((List)data.get(c)).get(r);
103 }
104
105 @Override
106 public String getColumnName(int c) {
107     return colname.get(c);
108 }
109
110 @Override
111 public int getRowCount() {
112     return ilerows;
113 }
114
115 @Override
116 public Class<?> getColumnClass(int c) {

```

```

117         return classes.get(c);
118     }
119
120     @Override
121     public boolean isCellEditable(int r, int c) {
122         return false;
123     }
124 }
125
126 class MyColorCellRend extends JLabel
127     implements TableCellRenderer {
128     public MyColorCellRend() {
129         setOpaque(true);
130     }
131
132     public Component
133     getTableCellRendererComponent(
134         JTable table, Object color, boolean isSelected,
135         boolean hasFocus, int row, int column) {
136         setBackground((Color)color);
137         return this;
138     }
139 }
140
141 class MyIntCellRend extends JLabel
142     implements TableCellRenderer {
143     static final String[] romans = {
144         "?", "I", "II", "III", "IV", "V", "VI",
145         "VII", "VIII", "IX", "X", "XI", "XII"
146     };
147
148     public MyIntCellRend() {
149         setOpaque(true);
150         setBackground(Color.LIGHT_GRAY);
151         setForeground(Color.RED);
152         setHorizontalAlignment(JLabel.CENTER);
153     }
154
155     public Component
156     getTableCellRendererComponent(
157         JTable table, Object month, boolean isSelected,
158         boolean hasFocus, int row, int column) {
159         setText(romans[(Integer)month]);
160         return this;
161     }
162 }
163
164 class MyNameCellRend extends JLabel
165     implements TableCellRenderer {
166     public MyNameCellRend() {

```



```

167     setOpaque(true);
168     setHorizontalAlignment(JLabel.CENTER);
169     setFont(new Font("Sansserif", Font.BOLD, 15));
170 }
171
172 public Component
173 getTableCellRendererComponent(
174     JTable table, Object str, boolean isSelected,
175     boolean hasFocus, int row, int column) {
176     if (isSelected) {
177         setBackground(Color.MAGENTA);
178         setForeground(Color.YELLOW);
179     } else {
180         setForeground(Color.MAGENTA);
181         setBackground(Color.YELLOW);
182     }
183     setText(str.toString());
184     return this;
185 }
186 }

```

which displays

Name	Color	Month
Alice		VI
Kylie		IX
Janet		XII
Sandra		II
Patty		VII
Wilma		X

In the example below, we demonstrate how to edit cells of a table in a non-standard way: the table contains columns which allow to edit the values using **JCheckBoxes** (boolean values, functionality provided by the library) or **JSliders** (**Integers**) and **JComboBoxes** (**Strings**) — the latter two by custom editors:

Listing 129

PES-TableEdit/TableEdit.java

```

1  import java.awt.BorderLayout;
2  import java.awt.Color;
3  import java.awt.Component;
4  import java.awt.Dimension;
5  import java.awt.Font;
6  import java.awt.GridLayout;
7  import javax.swing.AbstractCellEditor;
8  import javax.swing.DefaultCellEditor;
9  import javax.swing.JButton;
10 import javax.swing.JCheckBox;

```

```

11 import javax.swing.JComboBox;
12 import javax.swing.JComponent;
13 import javax.swing.JFrame;
14 import javax.swing.JLabel;
15 import javax.swing.JPanel;
16 import javax.swing.JScrollPane;
17 import javax.swing.JSlider;
18 import javax.swing.JTable;
19 import javax.swing.table.AbstractTableModel;
20 import javax.swing.table.TableCellEditor;
21 import javax.swing.table.TableModel;
22 import static javax.swing.JScrollPane.*;
23
24 public class TableEdit extends JFrame {
25     static final JButton INF = new JButton("Show info");
26     static final JLabel MSG = new JLabel(
27         "Except the first, columns are editable!",
28         JLabel.CENTER);
29
30     static {
31         for (JComponent c : new JComponent[]{INF,MSG}) {
32             c.setForeground(Color.RED);
33             c.setOpaque(true);
34             c.setFont(new Font("Dialog",Font.PLAIN,11));
35             c.setMinimumSize(new Dimension(50,30));
36             c.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(100,30));
37         }
38         INF.setForeground(Color.BLUE);
39     }
40
41     TableModel model = new MyTableModel();
42
43     public static void main (String[] args) {
44         new TableEdit();
45     }
46
47     TableEdit() {
48         super("Editing a table");
49         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
50         JTable table = new JTable(model);
51         table.getColumnModel().getColumn("Shoe size")
52             .setCellEditor(new MySliderEditor());
53         table.getColumnModel().getColumn("Size")
54             .setCellEditor(new MyComboEditor());
55         table.setRowHeight(60);
56         table.setRowSelectionAllowed(false);
57         JScrollPane scroll = new JScrollPane(table,
58             JScrollPane.VERTICAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS,
59             JScrollPane.HORIZONTAL_SCROLLBAR_ALWAYS);
60         add(scroll);
61         JPanel p = new JPanel(new GridLayout(2,1,3,3));
62         INF.addActionListener(e -> showData(model));

```

```

61     p.add(INF);
62     p.add(MSG);
63     add(p, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
64     pack();
65     setLocationRelativeTo(null);
66     setVisible(true);
67 }
68 static void showData(TableModel m) {
69     String stars = new String(new char[71])
70         .replace('\0', '*');
71     for (int r = 0; r < m.getRowCount(); ++r) {
72         System.out.print("|");
73         for (int c = 0; c < m.getColumnCount(); ++c) {
74             Object ob = m.getValueAt(r,c);
75             String claz = ob.getClass().getSimpleName();
76             String val = ob.toString();
77             System.out.printf(" %-"+ claz.length() +
78                 "s : %5s |", claz, ob.toString());
79         }
80         System.out.println();
81     }
82     System.out.println(stars);
83 }
84 }
85
86 class MyTableModel extends AbstractTableModel {
87     static String[] headers = {
88         "Name", "Size", "Shoe size", "Registered?" };
89     static String[] sizes = {"S","M","L","XL","XXL"};
90     static Integer minShoeSize = 25, maxShoeSize = 45;
91
92     Object[] [] data = {
93         {"Ada", sizes[0], new Integer(34), Boolean.TRUE},
94         {"Bea", sizes[1], new Integer(36), Boolean.TRUE},
95         {"Lea", sizes[1], new Integer(36), Boolean.FALSE},
96         {"Kim", sizes[3], new Integer(40), Boolean.TRUE},
97         {"Zoe", sizes[2], new Integer(38), Boolean.FALSE}};
98     // 3 methods below are abstract
99     // and have to be overridden!
100     @Override
101     public int getColumnCount() { return headers.length; }
102     @Override
103     public int getRowCount() { return data.length; }
104     @Override
105     public Object.getValueAt(int r, int c) {
106         return data[r][c];
107     }
108
109     @Override
110     public String getColumnName(int c) {return headers[c];}

```

```

111     @Override
112     public Class<?> getColumnClass(int c) {
113         return getValueAt(0, c).getClass();
114     }
115     @Override
116     public boolean isCellEditable(int r, int c) {
117         return c > 0;
118     }
119     @Override
120     public void setValueAt(Object val, int r, int c) {
121         data[r][c] = val;
122         fireTableCellUpdated(r,c);
123     }
124 }
125
126 class MySliderEditor extends AbstractCellEditor
127     implements TableCellEditor {
128     private static final Font font =
129         new Font("Dialog",Font.PLAIN,9);
130     private JPanel panel = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());
131     private JSlider slider;
132     private Integer value;
133     MySliderEditor() {
134         slider = new JSlider(
135             JSlider.HORIZONTAL,
136             MyTableModel.minShoeSize,
137             MyTableModel.maxShoeSize,
138             (MyTableModel.minShoeSize +
139             MyTableModel.maxShoeSize)/2);
140         slider.setMajorTickSpacing(5);
141         slider.setMinorTickSpacing(1);
142         slider.setPaintTicks(true);
143         slider.setPaintLabels(true);
144         slider.setFont(font);
145
146         slider.addChangeListener(e -> {
147             if (slider.getValueIsAdjusting()) return;
148             value = slider.getValue();
149         });
150         panel.add(slider);
151     }
152     @Override
153     public Component getTableCellEditorComponent(
154         JTable table, Object v, boolean isSelected,
155         int row, int column) {
156         value = (Integer)v;
157         return panel;
158     }
159 }
160     @Override

```

```

161     public Object getCellEditorValue() {
162         return value;
163     }
164 }
165
166 class MyComboEditor extends DefaultCellEditor {
167     private JPanel panel = new JPanel();
168     private JComboBox<String> combo;
169     private String value;
170     MyComboEditor() {
171         super(new JCheckBox());
172         combo = new JComboBox<>(MyTableModel.sizes);
173         combo.setMaximumSize(new Dimension(100,20));
174         combo.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(100,20));
175         combo.setSelectedIndex(1);
176         combo.addActionListener(e -> {
177             value = (String)combo.getSelectedItem();
178             fireEditingStopped();
179         });
180         panel.add(combo);
181     }
182     @Override
183     public Component getTableCellEditorComponent(
184         JTable table, Object v, boolean isSelected,
185         int row, int column) {
186         value = (String)v;
187         return panel;
188     }
189     @Override
190     public Object getCellEditorValue() {
191         return value;
192     }
193 }

```

The third column (of type **Integer**) can be edited using a **JSlider** — the user signals the end of selecting a new value by pressing ENTER

Name	Size	Shoe size	Registered?
Ada	S		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bea	M	36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lea	M	36	<input type="checkbox"/>

Show info

Press ENTER after editing Shoe size

The second column (of type **String**) is edited with a **JComboBox** which allows to select one of a few predefined options

Name	Size	Shoe size	Registered?
Ada		34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bea		36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Show info

Press ENTER after editing Shoe size

JavaFX — introduction

12.1 Introduction

Java provides relatively simple tools that can be used to build rich graphical user interfaces; they are collected in a set of packages that collectively are called JavaFX. Main classes of JavaFx applications should extend **Application** from *javafx.application* package. Such classes are treated in a special way: when loaded, the JVM creates an object of the main class, calls **init** on it, and then the **start** function on a separate thread — the so called **JavaFX Application Thread** (or just **application thread**, for short), which corresponds to Event Dispatch Thread in Swing. This means that no **main** function is needed! However, most IDE's require every Java application to start from **main**, so we usually add this function with a trivial implementation

```
public class OurMainClass extends Application {
    // ...
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        launch(args);
    }
    // ...
}
```

or, to emphasise the fact that **launch** is static,

```
Application.launch(args);
```

When the application is being closed, another special method is invoked — **stop** (still on the application thread).

Let us look at an example. To get a specific layout, we use here a **StackPane** with a button (**Button**); we also attach an action to the button. To do this, we used a lambda, but

```
btn.setOnAction(
    new EventHandler<ActionEvent>() {
        @Override
        public void handle(ActionEvent event) {
            System.out.println("Hello!");
        }
    }
);
```

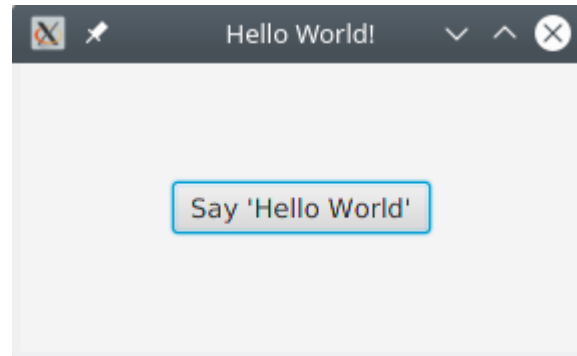
or

```
btn.addEventHandler(
    ActionEvent.ACTION,
    e -> System.out.println("Hello!"));
```

would also work (as we will explain in Sec. 12.3):

```
1 package first;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
5 import javafx.event.EventHandler;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
8 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
9 import javafx.stage.Stage;
10
11 public class First extends Application {
12     public static void main(String[] args) {
13         System.out.println("Entering main() on " +
14                             Thread.currentThread().getName());
15         launch(args);
16     }
17
18     @Override
19     public void init() {
20         System.out.println("Entering init() on " +
21                             Thread.currentThread().getName());
22     }
23
24     @Override
25     public void stop() {
26         System.out.println("Entering stop() on " +
27                             Thread.currentThread().getName());
28     }
29
30     @Override
31     public void start(Stage stage) {
32         System.out.println("Entering start() on " +
33                             Thread.currentThread().getName());
34         Button btn = new Button("Say 'Hello'");
35         btn.setOnAction(e ->System.out.println("Hello!"));
36
37         StackPane root = new StackPane();
38         root.getChildren().add(btn);
39
40         Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 250);
41
42         stage.setTitle("Hello World!");
43         stage.setScene(scene);
44         stage.show();
45         System.out.println("Leaving start()");
46     }
47 }
```


The programs displays:



and prints

```
Entering main() on main
Entering init() on JavaFX-Launcher
Entering start() on JavaFX Application Thread
Leaving start()
Hello World!
Entering stop() on JavaFX Application Thread
```

As we can see, before entering the application proper, the **init** method is invoked (on a separate thread called **JavaFX-Launcher**), so one can put there a code which, for example, prepares some data, connects to a data base, etc.

Then, on the application thread, **start** method is called. As an argument, it gets an object of class **Stage**. This roughly corresponds to the heavy-weight **JFrame** object — it depends on the platform in use (desktop, mobile, etc).

By using **setScene** method, we specify a ‘scene’, i.e., a content of the stage (roughly corresponding to the **contentPane** of a **JFrame**). The scene in turn contains a component which will be the root of the whole hierarchy of components. This object is traditionally called **root** and it can be any object inheriting from the abstract class **Parent**. This class in turn inherits from **Node** which represents all graphical components. Nodes usually can have other nodes as their ‘children’ (they are then called ‘branches’), but some (called ‘leaves’) cannot (**Rectangle** and other **Shapes**, **Text**, etc.). Children can be added to a **Node** by method **add** invoked on the **ObservableList<Node>** associated with the given **Node** — it can be obtained by calling **getChildren** on the node. The **add** method adds one child, while **addAll** method adds an arbitrary number of children.

It follows that the whole structure of the JavaFX GUI has the form of a tree rooted at the node passed to the scene.

12.2 Layouts

Usually, the root component is a layout (from the **javafx.scene.layout** package). The basic one is **Pane**, from which other layouts inherit: **AnchorPane**, **BorderPane**, **FlowPane**, **GridPane**, **HBox**, **VBox**, **StackPane**, **TilePane** and others.

As we can see, the approach here is different than it was in Swing: in Swing we can create a component (like **JPanel**) and then set its layout; in JavaFX we create various components that already have a predetermined layout.

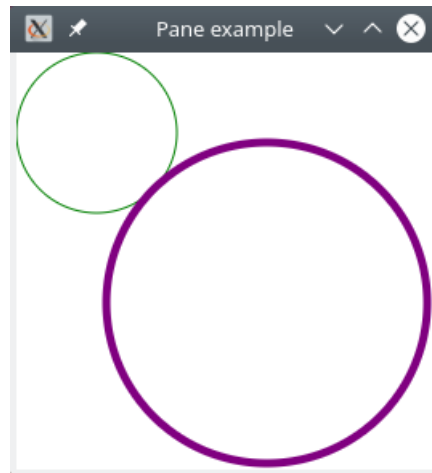
The simplest layout is provided by **Pane**. All its children are located at (0,0) position, so to avoid overlapping we have to specify their location manually or set appropriate padding. In the example below the `c1` circle is given coordinates of the center (passed to the constructor) and it will be, by default, located in such a way that the square circumscribed on it will be touching the upper-left corner. The second **Circle**, `c2`, is relocated after creation to be tangent to the first one:

Listing 131

JXD-PlainPane/PlainPane.java

```
1 package pane;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.scene.Scene;
5 import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
6 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
7 import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
8 import javafx.stage.Stage;
9
10 public class PlainPane extends Application {
11     public static void main(String[] args) {
12         launch(args);
13     }
14
15     @Override
16     public void start(Stage stage) {
17         Pane root = new Pane();
18         double r = 50, d = r*(1+3/Math.sqrt(2));
19
20         Circle c1 = new Circle(r, r, r);
21         c1.setFill(Color.TRANSPARENT);
22         c1.setStroke(Color.GREEN);
23
24         Circle c2 = new Circle(d, d, 2*r);
25         // or
26         // Circle c2 = new Circle(2*r);
27         // c2.relocate(d-2*r, d-2*r);
28
29         c2.setFill(Color.TRANSPARENT);
30         c2.setStroke(Color.PURPLE);
31         c2.setStrokeWidth(5);
32
33         root.getChildren().addAll(c1, c2);
34         stage.setScene(new Scene(root));
35         stage.setTitle("Pane example");
36         stage.show();
37     }
38 }
```

The program displays



Note that here we haven't specified the sizes of the **Scene** — the **Pane** layout will calculate them so they are as small as possible to contain all the children.

There is a similar layout, **StackPane**, which also superimposes its children but not at the (0,0) location but in the center.

The next example demonstrates the **BorderPane** class. It's roughly like a **JPanel** from Swing with **BorderLayout** layout. However, in JavaFX the five areas of the layout are called **LEFT**, **RIGHT**, **TOP**, **BOTTOM** and **CENTER**; we add components to these areas by using special methods, like **setRight** etc. The example illustrates also components with other layouts: **HBox**, **VBox** and **TextArea**. There are also the so called controls here (object of classes extending the **Control** class). The **Control** objects represent models and contain methods which manipulate the data. The corresponding 'views' are implemented by classes extending **Skin**. Normally, we don't have to deal with skins, as reasonable defaults are provided. The skin calculates sizes and is responsible for detecting relevant events occurring on the control.

Important examples of controls, some of which are demonstrated in the example, are **Button**, **CheckBox**, **Label**, **Menu**, **MenuItem**, **MenuBar**, **ScrollPane**, **TextArea**, **TextField**, **Slider**, **Spinner**, and many others.

Listing 132

JXG-BorderPane/BorderPaneEx.java

```
1 package borderpane;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
5 import javafx.scene.Node;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
8 import javafx.scene.control.ScrollPane;
9 import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
10 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
13 import javafx.scene.layout.Priority;
14 import javafx.scene.layout.Region;
15 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
16 import javafx.stage.Stage;
```

```

17
18 public class BorderPaneEx extends Application {
19
20     @Override
21     public void start(Stage stage) {
22
23         // left column of buttons
24         VBox leftVBox = new VBox();
25         leftVBox.getChildren().add(getSpace());
26         for (int i = 1; i <=4; ++i) {
27             leftVBox.getChildren().addAll(
28                 new Button("Button " + i), getSpace());
29         }
30
31         // right column of buttons
32         VBox rightVBox = new VBox(5);
33         rightVBox.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
34         for (int i = 5; i <=7; ++i)
35             rightVBox.getChildren().add(
36                 new Button("Button" + i));
37
38         // bottom row of two text fields
39         HBox bottomHBox = new HBox();
40         TextField tf1 = new TextField("Text field 1");
41         TextField tf2 = new TextField("Text field 2");
42         HBox.setHgrow(tf1, Priority.ALWAYS);
43         HBox.setHgrow(tf2, Priority.ALWAYS);
44         bottomHBox.getChildren().addAll(tf1, tf2);
45
46         // top column of three text fields
47         VBox topVBox = new VBox(5);
48         for (int i = 3; i <=5; ++i)
49             topVBox.getChildren().add(
50                 new TextField("TextField " + i));
51
52         // center
53         TextArea ta = new TextArea("Text area");
54         ScrollPane scroll = new ScrollPane(ta);
55         scroll.setHbarPolicy(
56             ScrollPane.ScrollBarPolicy.ALWAYS);
57         scroll.setVbarPolicy(
58             ScrollPane.ScrollBarPolicy.ALWAYS);
59
60         BorderPane root = new BorderPane();
61         root.setTop(topVBox);
62         root.setCenter(scroll);
63         root.setBottom(bottomHBox);
64         root.setLeft(leftVBox);
65         root.setRight(rightVBox);
66

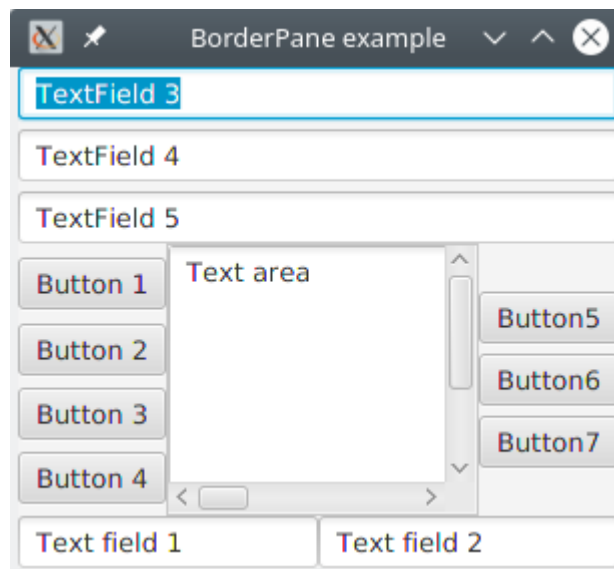
```

```

67     Scene scene = new Scene(root, 300, 250);
68
69     stage.setTitle("BorderPane example");
70     stage.setScene(scene);
71     stage.show();
72 }
73
74 private Node getSpace() {
75     Region space = new Region();
76     VBox.setVgrow(space, Priority.ALWAYS);
77     return space;
78 }
79
80 public static void main(String[] args) {
81     launch(args);
82 }
83 }

```

The program displays



The **AnchorPane** layout allows to specify distances of components from the edges of the enclosing node; for example

Listing 133

JXB-Anchors/Anchors.java

```

1 package anchors;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.scene.Scene;
5 import javafx.stage.Stage;
6 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
7 import javafx.scene.layout.AnchorPane;
8
9 public class Anchors extends Application {

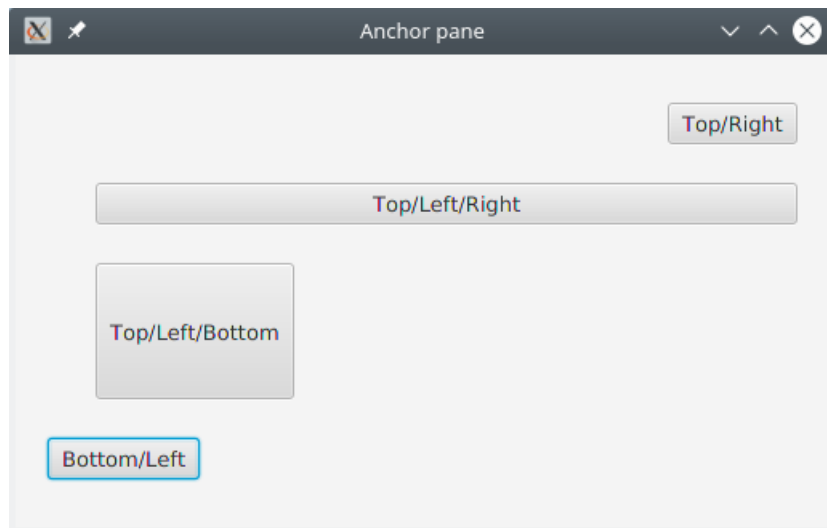
```

```

10
11 @Override
12 public void start(Stage stage) throws Exception {
13     AnchorPane root = new AnchorPane();
14
15     Button b1 = new Button("Bottom/Left");
16     AnchorPane.setBottomAnchor(b1, 30.);
17     AnchorPane.setLeftAnchor(b1, 20.);
18
19     Button b2 = new Button("Top/Right");
20     AnchorPane.setTopAnchor(b2, 30.);
21     AnchorPane.setRightAnchor(b2, 20.);
22
23     Button b3 = new Button("Top/Left/Right");
24     AnchorPane.setTopAnchor(b3, 80.);
25     AnchorPane.setLeftAnchor(b3, 50.);
26     AnchorPane.setRightAnchor(b3, 20.);
27
28     Button b4 = new Button("Top/Left/Bottom");
29     AnchorPane.setTopAnchor(b4, 130.);
30     AnchorPane.setLeftAnchor(b4, 50.);
31     AnchorPane.setBottomAnchor(b4, 80.);
32
33     root.getChildren().addAll(b1, b2, b3, b4);
34     Scene scene = new Scene(root, 250, 300);
35     stage.setTitle("Anchor pane");
36     stage.setScene(scene);
37     stage.show();
38 }
39
40 public static void main(String[] args) {
41     launch(args);
42 }
43 }

```

displays



Probably the most versatile layout is provided by **GridPane**. The layout consists of a grid of cells where we can put children. Each child may occupy any rectangular subarea of adjacent cells. Adding children to the layout, we specify indices of the upper-left cell and horizontal and vertical span (number of rows and columns that the child will occupy); the default span is 1. We don't need to specify the total number of rows and columns in advance — they will be calculated automatically. Some cells may remain empty. All cells in one column will have the same width and all cells in one row will have the same height, but otherwise the sizes of cells do not have to be the same (there is another layout, **TilePane**, where all cells do have the same size). The example also demonstrates how nodes can be rotated (lines 25-26), setting padding, gaps and alignments (lines 54-62) and the use of constraints (lines 64-68; there are much more options that could have been used here — see the documentation).

Listing 134

JX1-Grid/GridPaneEx.java

```

1 package gridpane;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.geometry.HPos;
5 import javafx.geometry.Insets;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
8 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
9 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.ColumnConstraints;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
12 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
13 import javafx.scene.text.Font;
14 import javafx.scene.text.FontWeight;
15 import javafx.stage.Stage;
16
17 public class GridPaneEx extends Application {
18
19     @Override
20     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {

```

```

21     Button send = new Button("Send");
22     Button exit = new Button("Exit");
23     Label req = new Label("required");
24     Label opt = new Label("optional");
25     req.setRotate(90);
26     opt.setRotate(270);
27     Label text = new Label("GridPane example");
28     text.setFont(Font.font("System", FontWeight.BOLD, 16));
29     text.setTextFill(Color.BROWN);
30     Label first = new Label("Enter your first name:");
31     Label last = new Label("Enter your last name:");
32     Label shoe = new Label("Shoe size");
33     Label hat = new Label("Hat size");
34     TextField fn = new TextField();
35     TextField ln = new TextField();
36     TextField ss = new TextField();
37     TextField hs = new TextField();
38
39     GridPane root = new GridPane();
40     root.add(text, 0, 0, 5, 1);
41     root.add(first, 0, 1, 2, 1);
42     root.add(last, 0, 2, 2, 1);
43     root.add(fn, 2, 1, 2, 1);
44     root.add(ln, 2, 2, 2, 1);
45     root.add(exit, 0, 3);
46     root.add(send, 3, 3);
47     root.add(shoe, 0, 4, 2, 1);
48     root.add(hat, 0, 5, 2, 1);
49     root.add(ss, 2, 4, 2, 1);
50     root.add(hs, 2, 5, 2, 1);
51     root.add(req, 4, 1, 1, 2);
52     root.add(opt, 4, 4, 1, 2);
53
54     root.setPadding(new Insets(4));
55     root.setHgap(5);
56     root.setVgap(5);
57     GridPane.setHalignment(text, HPos.CENTER);
58     GridPane.setHalignment(first, HPos.RIGHT);
59     GridPane.setHalignment(last, HPos.RIGHT);
60     GridPane.setHalignment(shoe, HPos.RIGHT);
61     GridPane.setHalignment(hat, HPos.RIGHT);
62     GridPane.setHalignment(send, HPos.RIGHT);
63     int[] percWidth = {20, 16, 28, 20, 16};
64     for (int col = 0; col < 5; ++col) {
65         ColumnConstraints c = new ColumnConstraints();
66         c.setPercentWidth(percWidth[col]);
67         root.getColumnConstraints().add(c);
68     }
69
70     //root.setGridLinesVisible(true);

```



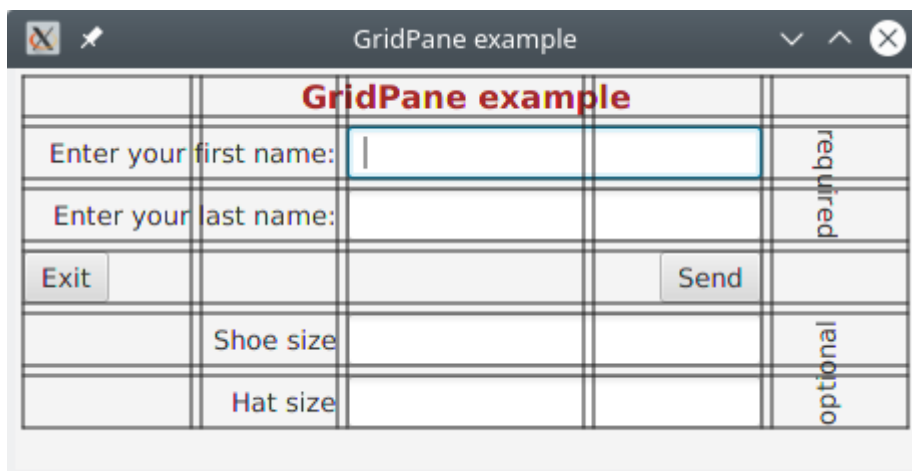
```

71     Scene scene = new Scene(root, 450, 200);
72     primaryStage.setTitle("GridPane example");
73     primaryStage.setScene(scene);
74     primaryStage.show();
75 }
76
77
78 public static void main(String[] args) {
79     launch(args);
80 }
81 }

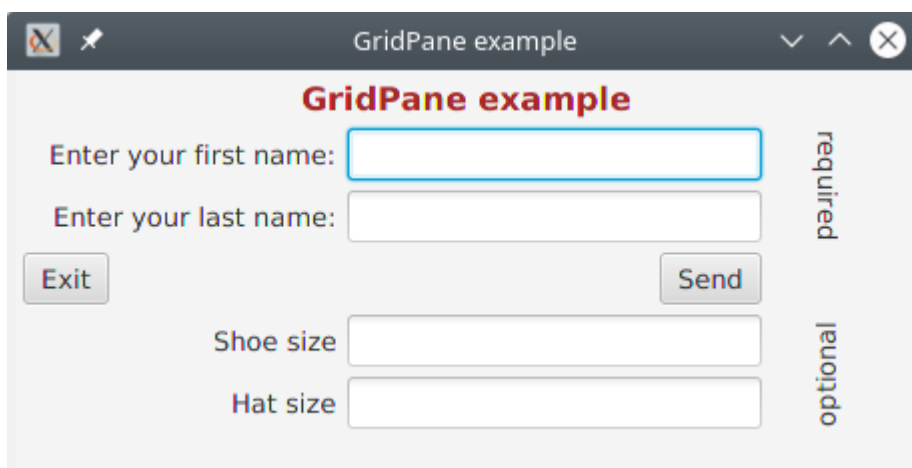
```

Note also the method **setGridLinesVisible** (line 70). Passing **true** we can see the grid lines what is very useful when designing the GUI.

The program displays, with grid lines visible



and without them



12.3 Events

Events notify the system that something has happened. This ‘something’ may be a click on a button, pressing a key, mouse movement, etc. Events, represented as objects of type **javafx.event.Event** and its many subclasses, have properties *source*, *target* and

type. The target is the the component on which the event occurred (a button, a text field,...) while the source is initially its farther ancestor (usually the **stage**). When an event is handled, it is delivered to all nodes from the source to the target along the so called *event dispatch chain* — this is the *capturing phase*. Then it goes back to the original source (*bubbling phase*). At each step the current node becomes the source, while the target remains the same. Every component along the chain may have a registered handlers (**EventHandler**) with one method, **handle**, receiving the event): handlers registered with **addEventFilter** will be triggered at the capturing phase, while those registered with **addEventHandler** – at the bubbling phase. Handlers may ‘consume’ events, and then processing stops.

The following program

Listing 135

JYL-EventPath/EventPath.java

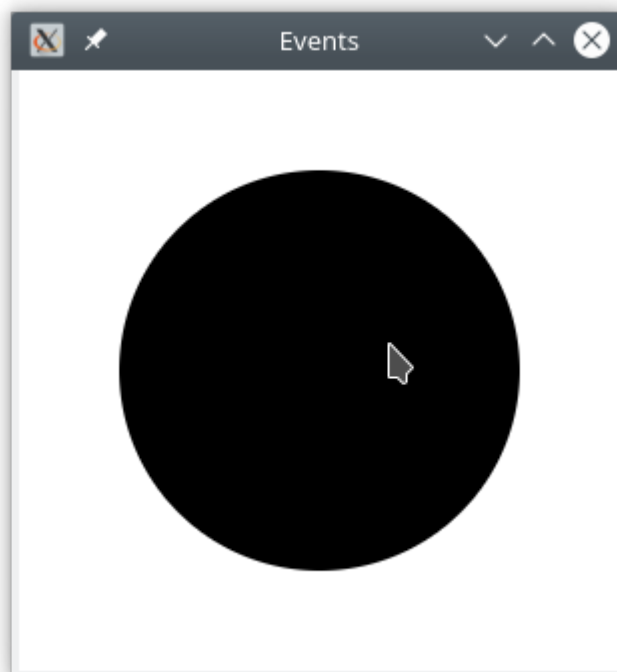
```
1 package eventpath;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.event.EventHandler;
5 import javafx.scene.Scene;
6 import javafx.scene.input.MouseEvent;
7 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
8 import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
9 import javafx.stage.Stage;
10
11 public class EventPath extends Application {
12     public static void main(String[] args) {
13         launch(args);
14     }
15
16     @Override
17     public void start(Stage stage) {
18         EventHandler<MouseEvent> handler = e -> {
19             System.out.println(
20                 "Handler - " + e.getEventType() + "\n" +
21                 "S:" + e.getSource().getClass() + "\n" +
22                 "T:" + e.getTarget().getClass() + "\n");
23         };
24         EventHandler<MouseEvent> filter = e -> {
25             System.out.println(
26                 "Filter - " + e.getEventType() + "\n" +
27                 "S:" + e.getSource().getClass() + "\n" +
28                 "T:" + e.getTarget().getClass() + "\n");
29         };
30         stage.addEventHandler(MouseEvent.MOUSE_PRESSED, handler);
31         stage.addEventFilter(MouseEvent.MOUSE_PRESSED, filter);
32
33         StackPane root = new StackPane();
34         root.addEventHandler(MouseEvent.MOUSE_PRESSED, handler);
35         root.addEventFilter(MouseEvent.MOUSE_PRESSED, filter);
36     }
```

```

37     Circle circ = new Circle(100);
38     circ.addEventHandler(MouseEvent.MOUSE_PRESSED, handler);
39     circ.addEventFilter(MouseEvent.MOUSE_PRESSED, filter);
40
41     root.getChildren().add(circ);
42
43     stage.setScene(new Scene(root, 300, 300));
44     stage.setTitle("Events");
45     stage.show();
46 }
47 }

```

displays a simple GUI with a circle in a **StackPane** which in turn is put into the **Stage** object:



and prints, after clicking on the circle,

```

Filter - MOUSE_PRESSED
S:class javafx.stage.Stage
T:class javafx.scene.shape.Circle

Filter - MOUSE_PRESSED
S:class javafx.scene.layout.StackPane
T:class javafx.scene.shape.Circle

Filter - MOUSE_PRESSED
S:class javafx.scene.shape.Circle
T:class javafx.scene.shape.Circle

```

```
Handler - MOUSE_PRESSED
S:class javafx.scene.shape.Circle
T:class javafx.scene.shape.Circle
```

```
Handler - MOUSE_PRESSED
S:class javafx.scene.layout.StackPane
T:class javafx.scene.shape.Circle
```

```
Handler - MOUSE_PRESSED
S:class javafx.stage.Stage
T:class javafx.scene.shape.Circle
```

what illustrates the route from the original source (the stage) to the target (the circle) and back.

Of course, usually we are only interested in handling events at the target, ignoring other nodes along the chain.

There are many types of events — they form a hierarchy rooted at **Event** with subtypes **InputEvent**, **ActionEvent**, **WidowEvent** and many others. Input events in turn can be of type **KeyEvent**, **MouseEvent**, and others.

Key events are further extended to the more specific **KEY_PRESSED**, **KEY_RELEASED** and **KEY_TYPED** (**KeyEvent.ANY** stands for any of them).

Most specific mouse events are **MOUSE_ENTERED**, **MOUSE_EXITED**, **MOUSE_PRESSED**, **MOUSE_RELEASED**, **MOUSE_MOVED**, **MOUSE_CLICKED** and a few others.

Handlers (listeners in the Swing parlance) are registered with nodes by the method **addEventHandler(EventType, EventHandler)**

which takes a type of events we are interested in and an object implementing the **EventHandler** interface. The interface declares one method, **handle(event)**, so it is a functional interface and may be implemented as a lambda.

For many types of events there exist convenience methods, where the type of events that are to be handled is already indicated by the very name of a method, so their single argument is just an appropriate handler:

```
setOnAction(handler)
setOnKeyPressed(handler)
setOnKeyReleased(handler)
setOnKeyTyped(handler)
setOnMousePressed(handler)
setOnMouseReleased(handler)
```

and so on.

Examples of event handling can be found in the following program

Listing 136

JXK-Events/Balls.java

```
1 package balls;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.event.EventHandler;
5 import javafx.geometry.Insets;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
```

```

7  import javafx.scene.input.KeyCode;
8  import javafx.scene.input.KeyEvent;
9  import javafx.scene.input.MouseEvent;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.Background;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.BackgroundFill;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.CornerRadii;
13 import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
14 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
15 import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
16 import javafx.stage.Stage;
17
18 public class Balls extends Application {
19
20     private static final int NROWS = 5;
21     private static final int NCOLS = 10;
22     private static final int R      = 20;
23
24     @Override
25     public void start(Stage stage) {
26         stage.setTitle("BALLS");
27         Pane root = new Pane();
28         Background bgBlack = new Background(
29             new BackgroundFill(
30                 // or null          // or null
31                 Color.BLACK, CornerRadii.EMPTY, Insets.EMPTY));
32         Background bgWhite = new Background(
33             new BackgroundFill(
34                 Color.WHITE, CornerRadii.EMPTY, Insets.EMPTY));
35         root.setBackground(bgWhite);
36
37         stage.addEventHandler(KeyEvent.KEY_PRESSED,
38             new EventHandler<KeyEvent>() {
39                 public void handle(KeyEvent e) {
40                     if (e.getCode() == KeyCode.W)
41                         root.setBackground(bgWhite);
42                     else if (e.getCode() == KeyCode.B)
43                         root.setBackground(bgBlack);
44                 }
45             }
46         );
47         // using lambda
48         EventHandler<MouseEvent> handler = e -> {
49             Circle c = (Circle)e.getSource();
50             c.setFill(c.getFill() == Color.BLUE ?
51                 Color.RED : Color.BLUE);
52         };
53
54         for (int r = 0; r < NROWS; ++r) {
55             for (int c = 0; c < NCOLS; ++c) {
56                 Circle circle =

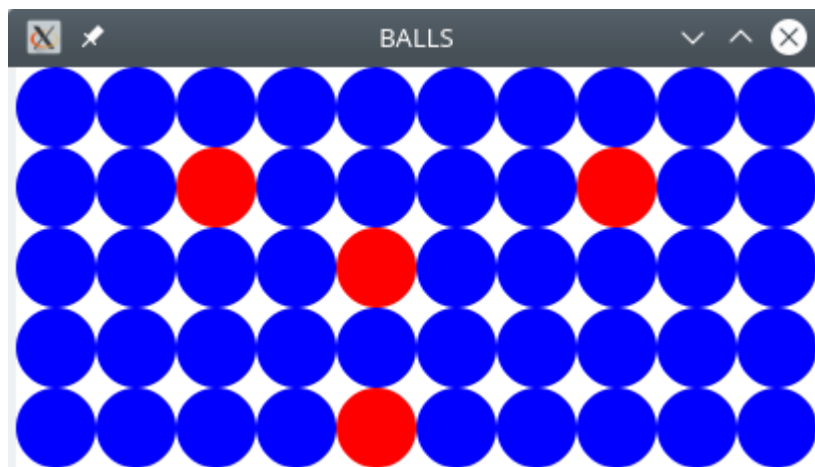
```

```

57         new Circle(R + c*2*R, R + r*2*R, R);
58         circle.setFill(Color.BLUE);
59         // or circle.setOnMouseClicked(handler);
60         circle.addEventHandler(
61             MouseEvent.MOUSE_PRESSED, handler);
62         root.getChildren().add(circle);
63     }
64 }
65 stage.setScene(new Scene(root, 2*R*NCOLS, 2*R*NROWS));
66 stage.show();
67 }
68
69
70 public static void main(String[] args) {
71     launch(args);
72 }
73 }

```

which produces



Handling mouse events is further illustrated in the following example

Listing 137

JXJ-MouseEvents/MouseFX.java

```

1 package mouse;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.event.EventHandler;
5 import javafx.geometry.Insets;
6 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
7 import javafx.scene.Scene;
8 import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
9 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
10 import javafx.scene.input.MouseEvent;
11 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
12 import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;

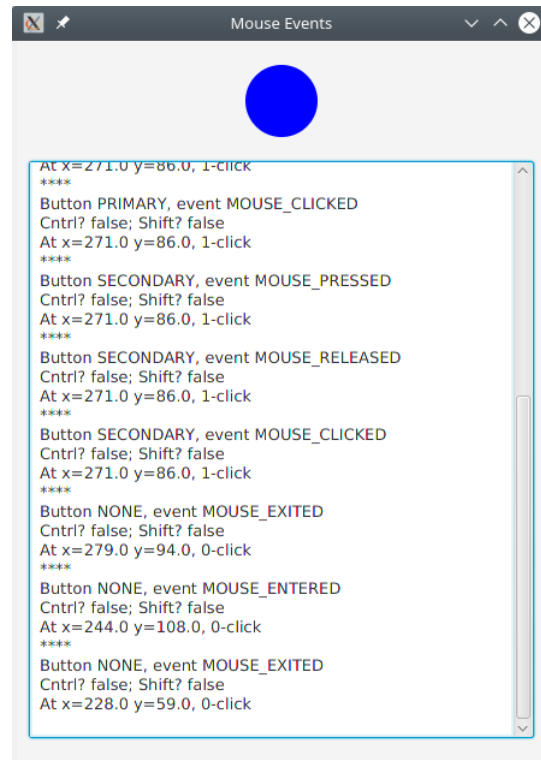
```

```

13 import javafx.stage.Stage;
14
15 public class MouseFX extends Application {
16     public static void main(String[] args) {
17         Application.launch(args);
18     }
19
20     TextArea ta = null;
21
22     @Override
23     public void start(Stage stage) {
24         ta = new TextArea();
25         ta.setPrefRowCount(30);
26         ta.setPrefColumnCount(30);
27         ta.setEditable(false);
28
29         Circle circle = new Circle(250, 80, 30);
30         circle.setFill(Color.BLUE);
31         circle.addEventHandler(MouseEvent.ANY, this::info);
32
33         VBox root = new VBox();
34         root.setAlignment(Pos.TOP_CENTER);
35         root.setPadding(new Insets(20, 10, 20, 10));
36         root.getChildren().addAll(circle, ta);
37         VBox.setMargin(ta, new Insets(20, 0, 0, 0));
38
39         Scene scene = new Scene(root);
40         stage.setScene(scene);
41         stage.setTitle("Mouse Events");
42         stage.show();
43     }
44
45     private void info(MouseEvent e) {
46         if (e.getEventType().equals(MouseEvent.MOUSE_MOVED))
47             return;
48         ta.appendText("****\nButton " +
49             e.getButton() + ", event " + e.getEventType() +
50             "\nCntrl? " + e.isControlDown() + "; Shift? " +
51             e.isShiftDown() + "\n" + "At x=" + e.getX() +
52             " y=" + e.getY() + ", " + e.getClickCount() +
53             "-click\n");
54     }
55 }

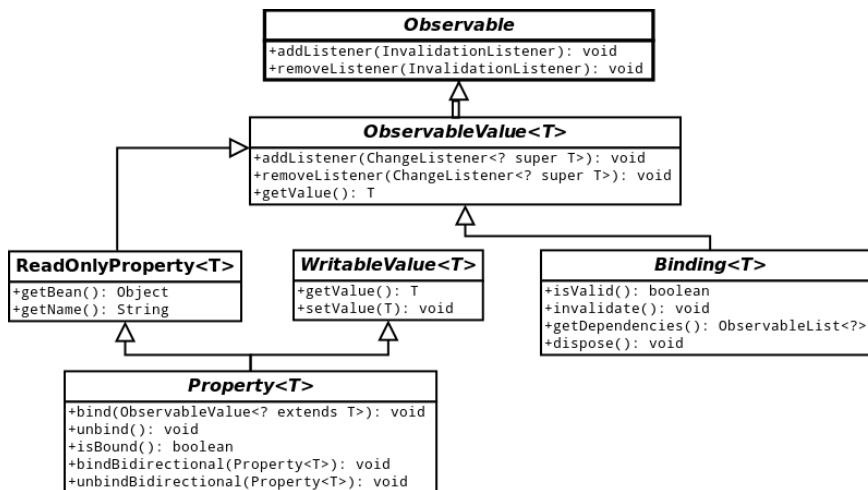
```

which produces



12.4 Properties and bindings

Properties represent values (properties of a class) wrapped in ‘wrapper’ classes which provide means for observing their invalidation and modifications. Bindings are also wrapped values (usually *not* properties of any class) but which themselves depend on values of other properties or bindings.



The root of hierarchy of classes representing properties and bindings is the **Observable** interface from the *javafx.beans* package. An **Observable** wraps a value and allows to observe its invalidations (due to modification). It has only two methods: **addListener** and **removeListener** which take an object implementing the *functional InvalidationListener* interface with the only abstract method **invalidated(Observable)**. There is no method allowing to get the value held by an **Observable**; one can only detect its invalidation.

The generic **ObservableValue** interface from the *javafx.beans.value* extends **Observable** and adds methods **addListener** and **removeListener** which take an object

implementing the functional **ChangeListener** interface with the only abstract method `changed(ObservableValue<? extends T> observable, T oldVal, T newVal)`. Recall that **invalidated** from **InvalidationListener** takes only one argument, so we can call **addListener** on an **ObservableValue** with a lambda: the number of arguments indicates whether we are implementing **invalidated** from **InvalidationListener** or **changed** from **ChangeListener**.

The **ObservableValue** also adds the **getValue** method, with obvious functionality. There are other important interfaces extending **Observable** — they correspond to observable *collections*: **ObservableList**, **ObservableMap**, **ObservableSet**, **ObservableArray**, with the corresponding listeners (**ListChangeListener** and similarly for **Map**, **Set** and **Array**).

The interface **Observable** has many specialized sub-interfaces corresponding to various types of the wrapped value, like **ObservableBooleanValue**, **ObservableDoubleValue**, **ObservableObjectValue**, **ObservableStringValue** and so on.

The interface **ReadOnlyProperty** extends **ObservableValue** and injects two methods: **getBean** and **getName**. The first returns the ‘owner’ of a property, i.e., the object possessing (containing) this property (which can be **null** if it was not specified explicitly when the object describing the property was created). A property may also be given an immutable name that can later be fetched by **getName**.

Finally, the **Property** interface extends **ReadOnlyProperty**. Additionally, it extends **WritableValue** which adds **setValue** methods; **Property** also adds a few methods on its own, so ultimately a **Property** wrapping a value of type **T** has the following methods:

- `addListener(InvalidationListener)`
- `removeListener(InvalidationListener)`
- `addListener(ChangeListener<? super T>)`
- `removeListener(ChangeListener<? super T>)`
- `getValue()`
- `setValue(T)`
- `getBean()`
- `getName()`
- `bind(ObservableValue<? extends T>)`
- `unbind()`
- `isBound()`
- `bindBidirectional(Property<T>)`
- `unbindBidirectional(Property<T>)`

There are many abstract and concrete classes implementing **Property** interface, like **TypeProperty** (abstract), **SimpleTypeProperty**, **ReadOnlyTypeWrapper** where **Type** can be **Double**, **Integer**, **Object**, **String** and so on. Instead of **setValue** and **getValue**, one can use just **set** and **get** — the difference is that (if appropriate) they take/return values of primitive types (**int**, **double**, ...), while **setValue** and **getValue** operate on values of object types (**Integer**, **Double**, **String**...). Due to boxing/unboxing, we can often use these methods interchangeably.

Let us consider a simple example. We create one **IntegerProperty** (src) and attach an **InvalidationListener** to it; the listener prints the message **** Invalidated**, but doesn’t try to print the new value. To the constructor of **SimpleIntegerProperty**, we pass only an initial value, so the property has neither ‘owner’ nor ‘name’, as we can see from the last line of the output

```

1 package invalid;
2
3 import javafx.beans.property.IntegerProperty;
4 import javafx.beans.property.SimpleIntegerProperty;
5
6 public class Inval {
7
8     public static void main(String[] args) {
9         IntegerProperty src = new SimpleIntegerProperty(1);
10        src.addListener(observable ->
11            System.out.println("** Invalidated"));
12
13        System.out.println("1. " + src);
14        src.set(2);
15        System.out.println("2.");
16        src.set(3);
17        src.set(4);
18        src.set(5);
19        System.out.println("3. getting value: " + src.get());
20        System.out.println("4. " + src);
21        System.out.println("Bean: " + src.getBean() +
22            ", name: " + src.getName());
23    }
24 }

```

On line 14, we modify the value of our property. As expected, we get a message (from the **InvalidationListener**) that it has been invalidated. Note, however, that after subsequent modifications (lines 16-18), we do *not* get any messages. This illustrates an important feature of **Observables** — their implementation uses the so called *lazy evaluation*: when the new value is not needed, it is not recalculated and also as long as we do not ask for the value, subsequent invalidations of an already invalidated property are not performed. In line 19, we explicitly ask for the value, so of course now it *will* be recalculated. The output of the program looks therefore like this:

```

1. IntegerProperty [value: 1]
** Invalidated:
2.
3. getting value: 5
4. IntegerProperty [value: 5]
Bean: null, name:

```

Of course, registering a **ChangeListener** to a property precludes the use of lazy evaluation — such listener has to get, as the third argument of its **changed** method, the new value after modification, so it has to be ‘eagerly’ recalculated.

Objects implementing the **Property** interface are used (although not only) to represent... well, properties of classes, like **width** of geometrical objects, **birth_year** of a **Person** and so on. Classes that expose their properties as **Properties** and conform to some naming conventions are called **JavaFX Beans**. Let us show these conventions

on an example. Suppose we want a class to possess a modifiable property `height` of type `double`. Then we should

- create a *private* field of type `DoubleProperty` (which is abstract) and instantiate it with the reference to an object of the concrete type `SimpleDoubleProperty`; a natural name for such a field would be `height` (but remember that it's *not* a number — it is a `Property` wrapping a number!);
- add the method

```
public final double getHeight()
which returns height.get() as a double;
```
- add the method

```
public final void setHeight(double)
which calls height.set(double) (of course, we may choose not to provide this method if we don't want the property to be modifiable);
```
- add the method

```
public final DoubleProperty heightProperty()
which returns height (so a Property as such, not its wrapped value!);
```
- add a default constructor — this is not mandatory, but many Java frameworks expect its existence.

As usually, one should also consider overriding the `equals` and `hashCode` methods.

These requirements are different for properties that should not be directly modifiable by the client code, although they still can be changed internally, by methods of the class. Suppose a property `name` of type `String` is such a property. Then we should proceed as follows:

- create a *private* field of the (concrete) type `ReadOnlyStringWrapper` and instantiate it — a natural name for such a field would be `name`. Objects of such types (there are many of them, with `Integer`, `Double`, `Object` etc. instead of `String`) have 'normal' getters and setters;
- add the method

```
public final String getName()
which returns name.get() as a String;
```
- add the method

```
public final ReadOnlyStringProperty nameProperty()
which returns name.getReadOnlyProperty(). The client code will get an object that can be used for binding to, reading the value, attaching listeners, but will not allow modifications of the wrapped value. However, modifications are still possible for methods of the class by invoking setters on the (private) wrapper field (name in our case). Such modifications will be visible by the client code, because values held by the wrapper object and by the read-only property returned by nameProperty method are synchronized;
```
- add a default constructor — this is not mandatory, but many Java frameworks expect it.

As an example, consider the following program, which defines a JavaFX-bean class `Person`:

Listing 139

JXF-Props/FXProps.java

```
1 package jfxprops;
```

```
2
```

```

3 import java.util.Objects; // for hash function
4 import javafx.beans.property.ObjectProperty;
5 import javafx.beans.property.ReadOnlyIntegerProperty;
6 import javafx.beans.property.ReadOnlyIntegerWrapper;
7 import javafx.beans.property.SimpleObjectProperty;
8 import javafx.beans.property.StringProperty;
9 import javafx.beans.property.SimpleStringProperty;
10 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
11
12 public class FXProps {
13     public static void main(String[] args) {
14         Person mary = new Person("Mary", 17, Color.PINK);
15         ReadOnlyIntegerProperty p = mary.ageProperty();
16         ((Person)p.getBean()).updateAge(18);
17         System.out.println(mary);
18         mary.setFavColor(Color.PURPLE);
19         System.out.println(mary);
20     }
21 }
22
23 class Person { // an FX bean
24     private final StringProperty name;
25     private final ObjectProperty<Color> favColor;
26     private final ReadOnlyIntegerWrapper age;
27
28     public Person(String n, int a, Color c) {
29         name = new SimpleStringProperty(this, "name", n);
30         favColor = new SimpleObjectProperty<>(this,
31                                             "favColor", c);
32         age = new ReadOnlyIntegerWrapper(this, "age", a);
33     }
34     // default constructor not mandatory but should exist
35     public Person() {
36         this("", 0, Color.WHITE);
37     }
38
39     // RW properties
40     public final String getName() {
41         return name.get();
42     }
43     public final StringProperty nameProperty() {
44         return name;
45     }
46     public final void setName(String n) {
47         name.set(n);
48     }
49
50     public final Color getFavColor() {
51         return favColor.get();
52     }

```

```

53     public final ObjectProperty<Color> favColorProperty() {
54         return favColor;
55     }
56     public final void setFavColor(Color c) {
57         favColor.set(c);
58     }
59     // RO property (no public setter)
60     public final int getAge() {
61         return age.get();
62     }
63     public final ReadOnlyIntegerProperty ageProperty() {
64         return age.getReadOnlyProperty(); // not just age!
65     }
66
67     // it's still possible to modify a RO
68     // property, but only within the class
69     public final void updateAge(int a) {
70         age.set(a);
71     }
72
73     @Override
74     public String toString() {
75         return name.get() + "(" + age.get() +
76             " - " + favColor.get();
77     }
78     @Override
79     public boolean equals(Object other) {
80         if (other == null || getClass() != other.getClass())
81             return false;
82         if (this == other) return true;
83         Person p = (Person)other;
84         return name.get().equals(p.getName())           &&
85             age.get() == p.getAge()                       &&
86             favColor.get().equals(p.getFavColor());
87     }
88     @Override
89     public int hashCode() {
90         return Objects.hash(
91             name.get(), favColor.get(), age.get());
92     }
93 }

```

We have three properties here: `name`, `favColor` and `age`. The first two are modifiable, the third is not. Note that creating property objects, we pass to the constructor not only initial values, but also, as the first two arguments, their ‘owner’ (which is `this`) and name. This is not required, but often useful because having the property, we can access its ‘owner’ by calling the `getBean` method on it. Note also that `ObjectProperty` is generic — we thus specify the type parameter in angle brackets. The `age` property is read-only, but methods of the class (`updateAge` in our case) can modify it by referring

directly to the private ‘wrapper’ field `age`.

The program prints

```
Mary(18) - 0xffc0cbff
Mary(18) - 0x800080ff
```

(hex numbers printed here are `rgba` components of Mary’s current favorite color).

Properties may be bound to other **ObservableValue** objects. Calling on a property the method **bind** with an argument of type **ObservableValue** (or **Property** which inherits from it) creates a **binding**, in other words a dependency between the property object and the observable value. From now on, we cannot directly modify the property — calling **set** or **setValue** on it will cause a **RuntimeException** to be thrown. If the observable value is modified, the property becomes invalidated, however calling the **get** or **getValue** methods on the property will always return the current value of the **ObservableValue** object (this is again an example of *lazy evaluation*). As holding such bindings may be quite costly, we should break the dependency as soon as it becomes unnecessary (by calling the **unbind** method on the bound property). One can always check if a property is or is not bound by invoking the **isBound** method.

Two property objects may also be mutually bound to each other (**bidirectional binding**). If `p` and `q` are two properties, then after `p.bindBidirectional(q)` the two properties are mutually bound — modification of one of them modifies the other accordingly.

The following example illustrates both uni- and bidirectional bindings:

Listing 140

JYH-BindProps/BindProps.java

```
1 package bindprops;
2
3 import javafx.beans.property.IntegerProperty;
4 import javafx.beans.property.SimpleIntegerProperty;
5
6 public class BindProps {
7     public static void main(String[] args) {
8         IntegerProperty p = new SimpleIntegerProperty(1);
9         IntegerProperty q = new SimpleIntegerProperty();
10        q.bind(p);
11        System.out.println("1. " + q.get());
12        p.set(2);
13        System.out.println("2. " + q.get());
14        q.unbind();
15
16        p.bindBidirectional(q);
17        p.set(3);
18        System.out.println("3. p=" + p.get() +
19                           ", q=" + q.get());
20        q.set(4);
21        System.out.println("4. p=" + p.get() +
22                           ", q=" + q.get());
23        p.unbindBidirectional(q);
24        p.set(5);
25        q.set(6);
```

```

26         System.out.println("5. p=" + p.get() +
27                             ", q=" + q.get());
28     }
29 }

```

The program prints

1. 1
2. 2
3. p=3, q=3
4. p=4, q=4
5. p=5, q=6

Binding properties to observable values is extremely useful, but still there is a serious downside: a property may be bound to only one other value and then their values are synchronized, but basically the same. Very often, we would like to have a value which depends on more than one other observable values and whose value is some, arbitrary complex, function of these other values. That's what **Bindings** are for. Objects implementing the **Binding** interface also, like **Properties**, represent a value equipped with some additional functionality. As we have seen in the figure depicting the class hierarchy (p. 284), a **Binding** is an **ObservableValue**, but is neither **WritableValue** nor **ReadOnlyProperty**. This means that we cannot modify it directly by calling **set** or **setValue** (we *can* invalidate it, though). Also, it doesn't have any 'owner', i.e., it doesn't represent a property of a class (there is no **getBean** method). On the other hand, it can depend, in a non-trivial way, on many **ObservableValues**, **Properties**, other **Bindings**, and even regular Java variables.

Object of the **Binding** type can be created in three ways. Let us start with perhaps the most flexible one.

The **Binding** interface is implemented by several *abstract* classes depending on the type of the wrapped value: **BooleanBinding**, **FloatBinding**, **DoubleBinding**, **IntegerBinding**, **LongBinding**, **StringBinding**, **ObjectBinding**, **ListBinding**, **MapBinding**, **SetBinding**. Numerical types (**DoubleBinding**, **IntegerBinding**...) are all specialized through the **Number** supertype, so we can bind to, say, **DoubleBinding**, an **IntegerProperty**, and so on.

In order to create a binding of one of these (abstract) types, we have to extend it providing an implementation of their sole abstract method **computeValue**; it doesn't take any arguments, but of course we have to make values that the result is to depend on visible inside its body. **Important:** Implementing our concrete class, we have to call, in the first line of the constructor,

```
super.bind(v1, v2, v3);
```

where **v1**, **v2** and so on are *dependencies*, i.e., **Observable** objects the value of the binding depends on (one or more). If, what is quite common, we rather use an object of an anonymous class, so we cannot define any constructor, we can replace it by defining a (non-static) initializer block, as illustrated in the example below:

Listing 141

JYI-Bindings/RectArea.java

```

1 package rectarea;
2
3 import javafx.beans.binding.DoubleBinding;

```



```

4 import javafx.beans.property.DoubleProperty;
5 import javafx.beans.property.SimpleDoubleProperty;
6 import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
7 import javafx.collections.ObservableList;
8
9 public class RectArea {
10     public static void main(String[] args) {
11         DoubleProperty x = new SimpleDoubleProperty(3.0);
12         DoubleProperty y = new SimpleDoubleProperty(4.0);
13         DoubleBinding area = new DoubleBinding() {
14             {
15                 super.bind(x, y);
16             }
17             @Override
18             protected double computeValue() {
19                 return x.get() * y.get();
20             }
21
22             // getDependencies and dispose - if needed.
23             // They have empty default implementation.
24             // Just for illustration...
25             @Override
26             public ObservableList getDependencies() {
27                 return FXCollections.observableArrayList(
28                     x, y);
29             }
30
31             @Override
32             public void dispose() {
33                 super.unbind(x, y);
34             }
35         };
36
37         System.out.println(area.get());
38         x.set(5);
39         y.set(6);
40         System.out.println(area.get());
41
42         // just for illustration...
43         ObservableList<?> list = area.getDependencies();
44         for (Object ob : area.getDependencies())
45             System.out.println(
46                 ((SimpleDoubleProperty)ob).get());
47         area.dispose();
48     }
49 }

```

which prints

12.0

30.0
5.0
6.0

Abstract classes mentioned above have, among many others, non-abstract (already implemented) methods **dispose**, which is supposed to release any resources used by the binding, and **getDependencies** which should return all dependencies (those listed in the invocation of `super.bind(...)`) as an unmodifiable **ObservableList**. However, the implementation of these methods, although exists, is empty, so if they are desired, they have to be overridden, as shown in the example program above. Overriding the **getDependencies** method is not recommended, except for debugging, monitoring the behavior of a program etc. during development; also **dispose** is seldom used.

The second way of creating a binding is by using one of the *static* factory methods of the **Bindings** (note the 's') utility class. There are more than 230 such methods, but they all follow a similar pattern, so it isn't hard to guess their names and types of parameters. For example, for numerical types, we have, among others, static methods (called on **Bindings**) which create bindings depending on two values and representing their sum. They all are **static public**; below we show their return type, name, and parameters:

```
NumberBinding add(ObservableNumberValue n1,
                  ObservableNumberValue n2)
DoubleBinding add(ObservableNumberValue n, double d)
DoubleBinding add(double d, ObservableNumberValue n)
NumberBinding add(ObservableNumberValue n, float f)
NumberBinding add(float f, ObservableNumberValue n)
NumberBinding add(ObservableNumberValue n, long l)
NumberBinding add(long l, ObservableNumberValue n)
NumberBinding add(ObservableNumberValue n, int i)
NumberBinding add(int i, ObservableNumberValue n)
```

As one can see, at least one of the parameters is always of the type **ObservableNumberValue** which is an interface implemented by classes **DoubleBinding**, **DoubleProperty**, **DoubleExpression** and so on for other numerical types. The other parameter, the first or the second, can be just a number (**int**, **float**, **double** or **long**). Similar sets of static methods correspond to subtraction (**subtract**), multiplication (**multiply**) and division (**divide**). For example. the following program

```
import javafx.beans.property.DoubleProperty;
import javafx.beans.property.SimpleDoubleProperty;
import javafx.beans.binding.DoubleBinding;
import javafx.beans.binding.Bindings;

public class Bind {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        DoubleProperty a = new SimpleDoubleProperty(3),
            b = new SimpleDoubleProperty(4);
        DoubleBinding average =
            Bindings.divide(Bindings.add(a, b), 2.0);
        System.out.println(average.get());
        a.set( 5);
    }
}
```

```

        b.set(12);
        System.out.println(average.get());
    }
}

```

compiles and prints

```

3.5
8.5

```

If we call many static methods from the **Bindings** class, it would be convenient to import them statically at the beginning

```
import static javafx.beans.binding.Bindings.*;
```

For numerical arguments, we also have several factory methods returning a **Boolean-Binding**, like **equal**, **greaterThan**, **greaterThanOrEqualTo**, etc. Similarly, for boolean arguments, we can use **and**, **or** and **not**, as in the following example, where **isBinAC** represents **true** if, and only if, $b \in [a, c]$:

```

import javafx.beans.property.DoubleProperty;
import javafx.beans.property.SimpleDoubleProperty;
import javafx.beans.binding.BooleanBinding;
import javafx.beans.binding.NumberBinding;
import javafx.beans.binding.Bindings;

public class Bind {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        DoubleProperty a = new SimpleDoubleProperty(3),
            b = new SimpleDoubleProperty(4),
            c = new SimpleDoubleProperty(5);
        BooleanBinding isBinAC =
            Bindings.and(Bindings.greaterThanOrEqualTo(b, a),
                Bindings.lessThanOrEqualTo(b, c));
        System.out.println(isBinAC.get());
        b.set(6);
        System.out.println(isBinAC.get());
        NumberBinding mn = Bindings.min(Bindings.min(a,b),c);
        NumberBinding mx = Bindings.max(Bindings.max(a,b),c);
        System.out.println("mn=" + mn.getValue() +
            ", mx=" + mx.getValue());
    }
}

```

which prints

```

true
false
mn=3.0, mx=6.0

```

and demonstrates also factory methods **min** and **max**.

For **ObservableStringValue**s one can use **equalToIgnoreCase** and **notEqualToIgnoreCase**, for any **ObservableObjectValues** — **isNull** and **isNotNull**, etc.

Another useful set of factory methods, **createTypeBinding**, allow us to create bindings with custom implementation of the function computing the value based on the values of dependencies without extending any class: we just pass the dependencies and, as the first argument, an implementation of the **Callable** interface calculating the result of an appropriate type. The interface has one abstract method, **call**, and is therefore a functional interface which can be conveniently implemented by a lambda, as below (compare this program with Listing 141):

```
import javafx.beans.binding.DoubleBinding;
import javafx.beans.property.DoubleProperty;
import javafx.beans.property.SimpleDoubleProperty;
import javafx.beans.binding.Bindings;

public class Bind {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        DoubleProperty x = new SimpleDoubleProperty(3.0);
        DoubleProperty y = new SimpleDoubleProperty(4.0);
        DoubleBinding area = Bindings.createDoubleBinding(
            () -> x.get()*y.get(), x, y);
        System.out.println(area.get());
        x.set(5);
        y.set(6);
        System.out.println(area.get());
    }
}
```

There are many more factory methods of the **Bindings** class worth checking in the documentation (e.g., **when** or a family of the **select** methods).

Finally, bindings may be created by using the so called **fluent API**. Let us demonstrate it on an example of type **Double**, but of course it can be used for other types as well. There is a common abstract super-class of **DoubleBinding** and **ReadOnlyDoubleProperty** called **DoubleExpression** (note that **ReadOnlyDoubleProperty** is in turn a base class of **DoubleProperty**, so properties *are* expressions). This class defines several *non-static* methods with names similar to those from the **Bindings** class, but this time, as they are non-static, without one of the parameters (whose rôle is played by the ‘hidden’ **this** argument). The methods return bindings (therefore, expressions) so they can be applied in chains of invocations. For example, for two properties **prop1** and **prop2**

```
prop1.add(prop2).divide(2.0)
```

is (almost) equivalent to

```
Bindings.divide(Bindings.add(prop1, prop2), 2.0)
```

(return types in fluent API are sometimes more specific than for the corresponding static methods of the **Bindings** class).

Of course, one can mix static factory methods of the **Bindings** class with the fluent API approach, like in the following program

Listing 142

JXL-Binding/BindMix.java

```
1 package bindings;
2
3 import javafx.beans.property.DoubleProperty;
```

```

4 import javafx.beans.property.SimpleDoubleProperty;
5 import javafx.beans.binding.NumberBinding;
6 import javafx.beans.binding.Bindings;
7
8 public class BindMix {
9     public static void main(String[] args) {
10         DoubleProperty a = new SimpleDoubleProperty(3);
11         DoubleProperty b = new SimpleDoubleProperty(4);
12         DoubleProperty c = new SimpleDoubleProperty(5);
13         NumberBinding average =
14             Bindings.divide(a.add(b).add(c),3.0);
15         System.out.println(average.getValue());
16         a.setValue( 5);
17         b.setValue(12);
18         c.setValue(13);
19         System.out.println(average.getValue());
20     }
21 }

```

which prints

```

4.0
10.0

```

Let us consider another example: we have here two labels (variables `lt` and `cc` and a text field (`tt`). Both labels and text fields have property `text`: on line 40, we bind text property of the label with the `text` property of the text field. Therefore, every time we modify the text field, the text on the label is also modified accordingly. On the next line we bind the `text` property of the second label with a custom binding of type **StringBinding**. The value of the binding is a string with information on the content of the string in the `tt` text field, its length and also the diagonal of the root FX node, which is an object of type **GridPane** (with properties `width` and `height`):

Listing 143

JXN-BindText/BindText.java

```

1 package bindtext;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.beans.binding.StringBinding;
5 import javafx.geometry.HPos;
6 import javafx.geometry.Insets;
7 import javafx.scene.Scene;
8 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
9 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.ColumnConstraints;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
12 import javafx.stage.Stage;
13
14 public class BindText extends Application {
15

```

```

16  @Override
17  public void start(Stage stage) {
18      TextField tt = new TextField("Enter something...");
19      Label      lt = new Label();
20      Label      cc = new Label();
21
22      GridPane root = new GridPane();
23      root.add(tt, 0, 0, 1, 1);
24      root.add(lt, 1, 0, 1, 1);
25      root.add(cc, 0, 1, 2, 1);
26
27      root.setPadding(new Insets(4));
28      root.setHgap(10);
29      root.setVgap(10);
30      GridPane.setHalignment(lt, HPos.CENTER);
31      GridPane.setHalignment(cc, HPos.CENTER);
32
33      int[] percWidth = {50, 50};
34      for (int col = 0; col < 2; ++col) {
35          ColumnConstraints c = new ColumnConstraints();
36          c.setPercentWidth(percWidth[col]);
37          root.getColumnConstraints().add(c);
38      }
39
40      lt.textProperty().bind(tt.textProperty());
41      // now custom binding
42      cc.textProperty().bind(new StringBinding() {
43          { // pseudo constructor!
44              super.bind(tt.textProperty(),
45                      tt.lengthProperty(),
46                      root.widthProperty(),
47                      root.heightProperty());
48          }
49      }
50      @Override
51      protected String computeValue() {
52          double d = Math.sqrt(
53              root.getHeight()*root.getHeight() +
54              root.getWidth()*root.getWidth());
55          return "String '" + tt.getText() +
56              "' of length " + tt.getLength() +
57              "; diag=" + String.format("%.2f", d);
58      }
59
60      Scene scene = new Scene(root);
61      stage.setTitle("Bound texts");
62      stage.setScene(scene);
63      stage.show();
64  }
65

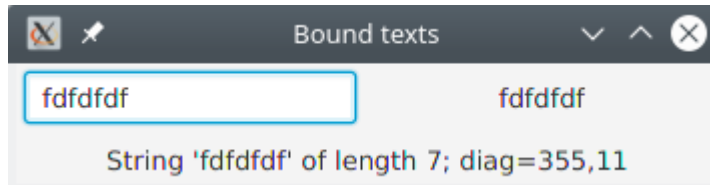
```

```

66     public static void main(String[] args) {
67         launch(args);
68     }
69 }

```

The program displays



The next example illustrates **ObjectBinding** (specialized for **Color**). On line 31, we create a binding depending on value properties of three **Sliders**: red, green and blue. The first argument of the **createObjectBinding** function is an implementation of **Callable** interface (here passed as a lambda) returning the result value — here it is the color described by the three **value** properties of the sliders. We then bind fill property of a rectangle (the color of its interior) to the binding just created. In this way, changes of the position of any of the sliders are immediately reflected as the color of our rectangle:

Listing 144

JXP-BindColor/BindColor.java

```

1  package bindcolor;
2
3  import javafx.application.Application;
4  import javafx.beans.binding.ObjectBinding;
5  import javafx.beans.binding.Bindings;
6  import javafx.geometry.Insets;
7  import javafx.scene.Scene;
8  import javafx.scene.control.Slider;
9  import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
11 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
12 import javafx.scene.shape.Rectangle;
13 import javafx.stage.Stage;
14
15 public class BindColor extends Application {
16     public static void main(String[] args) {
17         launch(args);
18     }
19
20     @Override
21     public void start(Stage stage) {
22         Slider red    = getSlider(66);
23         Slider green  = getSlider( 0);
24         Slider blue   = getSlider( 0);
25         StackPane pane = new StackPane();
26         pane.setMinWidth(150);

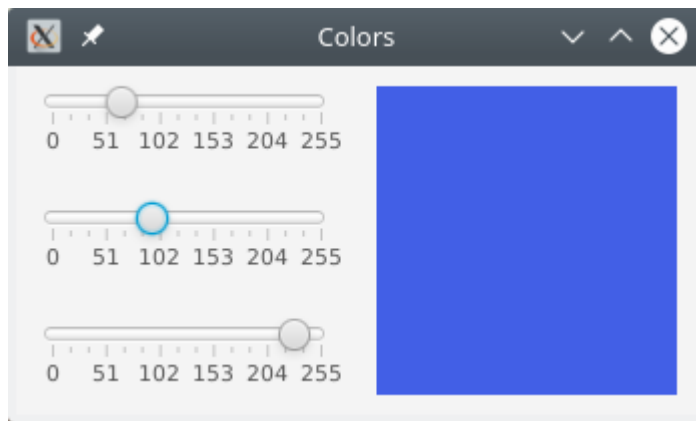
```

```

27     Rectangle rec = new Rectangle(120, 120);
28     pane.getChildren().add(rec);
29
30
31     ObjectBinding<Color> colBind =
32         Bindings.createObjectBinding(
33             () -> Color.rgb(
34                 (int)red.valueProperty().get(),
35                 (int)green.valueProperty().get(),
36                 (int)blue.valueProperty().get()
37             ),
38             red.valueProperty(),
39             green.valueProperty(),
40             blue.valueProperty());
41     rec.fillProperty().bind(colBind);
42     GridPane root = new GridPane();
43     root.add(red, 0, 0, 1, 1);
44     root.add(green, 0, 1, 1, 1);
45     root.add(blue, 0, 2, 1, 1);
46     root.add(pane, 1, 0, 1, 3);
47     root.setPadding(new Insets(10));
48     root.setHgap(20);
49     root.setVgap(20);
50
51     stage.setTitle("Bound color");
52     stage.setScene(new Scene(root));
53     stage.show();
54 }
55
56 private Slider getSlider(int iniVal) {
57     Slider slider = new Slider(0, 255, iniVal);
58     slider.setShowTickMarks(true);
59     slider.setShowTickLabels(true);
60     slider.setMajorTickUnit(51);
61     slider.setMinorTickCount(2);
62     slider.setBlockIncrement(1);
63     slider.setMinWidth(150);
64     return slider;
65 }
66 }

```

The program displays



12.5 Effects

Effects can be applied to nodes to modify their appearance. Various kind of effects are represented by several classes from the *javafx.scene.effect* package: these are, among others **Blend**, **Bloom**, **ColorAdjust**, **DropShadow**, **Glow**, **InnerShadow**, **Lighting**, **Reflection**, **Shadow**, **SepiaTone**...

Let's consider just one an example illustrating simple text effects:

Listing 145

JXE-Fonts/FontsETC.java

```

1 package fontsetc;
2 import javafx.application.Application;
3 import javafx.scene.Scene;
4 import javafx.scene.effect.DropShadow;
5 import javafx.scene.effect.InnerShadow;
6 import javafx.scene.effect.Light;
7 import javafx.scene.effect.Lighting;
8 import javafx.scene.effect.Reflection;
9 import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
10 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
11 import javafx.scene.text.Font;
12 import javafx.scene.text.FontWeight;
13 import javafx.scene.text.Text;
14 import javafx.stage.Stage;
15
16 public class FontsETC extends Application {
17     @Override
18     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
19         primaryStage.setTitle("Fonts, colors, effects...");
20
21         System.out.println("**** Font families:");
22         Font.getFamilies().stream()
23             .forEach(System.out::println);
24         System.out.println("**** Fonts: ");
25         Font.getFontNames().stream()
26             .forEach(System.out::println);
27
28         Text t1 = new Text(50, 50, "The default serif " +

```



```

29         "font in firebrick with shadow");
30 t1.setFont(Font.font("Serif", 30));
31 t1.setFill(Color.FIREBRICK);
32 DropShadow dropShadow = new DropShadow();
33 dropShadow.setOffsetX(2.0f);
34 dropShadow.setOffsetY(2.0f);
35 dropShadow.setColor(Color.rgb(50, 50, 50, 0.6));
36 t1.setEffect(dropShadow);
37
38 Text t2 = new Text(50, 100, "The default sans " +
39     "serif font in chocolate; strike-through");
40 t2.setFont(Font.font("SanSerif", 30));
41 t2.setFill(Color.CHOCOLATE);
42 t2.setStrikethrough(true);
43
44 Text t3 = new Text(50, 150, "Monospaced font in " +
45     "blue with reflection");
46 t3.setFont(Font.font("Monospaced", 30));
47 t3.setFill(Color.BLUE);
48 Reflection ref = new Reflection();
49 ref.setFraction(0.9f);
50 ref.setTopOffset(3);
51 t3.setEffect(ref);
52
53 Text t4 = new Text(50, 230, "Serif underlined fo" +
54     "nt in darkgreen with inner shadow");
55 t4.setFont(Font.font("Serif", FontWeight.BOLD, 30));
56 t4.setFill(Color.DARKGREEN);
57 t4.setUnderline(true);
58 InnerShadow inShadow = new InnerShadow();
59 inShadow.setOffsetX(4);
60 inShadow.setOffsetY(4);
61 inShadow.setColor(Color.ORANGE);
62 t4.setEffect(inShadow);
63
64 Text t5 = new Text(50, 290, "LIGHT");
65 t5.setFont(Font.font("Serif", FontWeight.BOLD, 40));
66 t5.setFill(Color.CRIMSON);
67 Light.Point light = new Light.Point(
68     0, 0, 80, Color.WHITE);
69 Lighting lighting2 = new Lighting(light);
70 t5.setEffect(lighting2);
71
72 Pane root = new Pane(t1, t2, t3, t4, t5);
73 Scene scene = new Scene(root, 900, 320, Color.WHITE);
74
75 primaryStage.setScene(scene);
76 primaryStage.show();
77 }
78

```

```

79     public static void main(String args[]) {
80         Application.launch(args);
81     }
82 }

```

which produces



12.6 Lists, tables and trees

Class **ListView** describes, as its name suggests, a view of a list of objects. First, the list to be shown must be made an **observable list**, i.e., a list that allows attaching listeners which track its changes and fire appropriate events when they occur. Such lists implement the interface **ObservableList** which is very similar to ‘normal’ **List**. In particular, you can use methods like **add**, **addAll**, **remove** etc., but also, as it is *observable*, **addListener** and **removeListener**. Objects of classes implementing this interface can be easily created in several ways, the most common way being a call of a generic static function of class **FXCollections**, like this (assuming *mary*, *john*,... are references to **Persons**)

```

ObservableList<Person> list =
    FXCollections.observableArrayList(
        mary, john, kate, new Person("Cindy")
    );

```

or, assuming that *coll* is a ‘normal’ collection of references to **Persons**

```

ObservableList<Person> list =
    FXCollections.observableArrayList(coll);

```

Having created an observable list, it is enough to pass it to the constructor of class **ListView**; the constructor will automatically register the view as a listener of the observable list so it will react to all modifications of the list ‘all by itself’. It is also possible to create a **ListView** first, and then call the method **setItems** passing an observable list.

Let’s see a very simple example. We show two list views side-by-side. The example demonstrates how we can attach a listener reacting to selecting an item of a list:

```
1 package simplelistview;
2
3 import java.util.Set;
4 import javafx.application.Application;
5 import javafx.beans.value.ChangeListener;
6 import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
7 import javafx.collections.ObservableList;
8 import javafx.scene.Scene;
9 import javafx.scene.control.ListView;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.TilePane;
11 import javafx.stage.Stage;
12
13 public class SimpleListView extends Application {
14     public static void main(String[] args) {
15         launch(args);
16     }
17
18     @Override
19     public void start(Stage stage) {
20         ObservableList<String> list1 =
21             FXCollections.observableArrayList(
22                 "Alice", "Bea", "Cecilia", "Dorothy", "Eve"
23             );
24         list1.add("Fiona");
25
26         Set<String> set =
27             Set.of(
28                 "Adam", "Bruce", "Chuck", "Dustin", "Eric",
29                 "Frank", "Glenn", "Harry", "Ike", "Joshua"
30             );
31         ObservableList<String> list2 =
32             FXCollections.observableArrayList(set);
33         list2.add("Kevin");
34
35         ListView<String> view1 = new ListView<>(list1);
36         ListView<String> view2 = new ListView<>();
37         view2.setItems(list2);
38
39         view1.setPrefHeight(130);
40         view2.setPrefHeight(200);
41
42         ChangeListener<String> listener =
43             (obsVal, oldV, newV) -> {
44                 System.out.println("Selected: " + newV);
45             };
46
47         view1.getSelectionModel().selectedItemProperty()
48             .addListener(listener);
```

```

49     view2.getSelectionModel().selectedItemProperty()
50         .addListener(listener);
51
52     TilePane root = new TilePane(view1, view2);
53     root.setHgap(15);
54     root.setPrefColumns(2);
55     stage.setScene(new Scene(root));
56     stage.setTitle("Simple list views");
57     stage.show();
58 }
59 }

```

The program displays



Next example is a little more complex: we also display two lists, but also a pane with four buttons. Clicking a button, the user can transfer an item from one list to the other or move the selected item up or down:

Listing 147

JXM-ListView/ListEx.java

```

1  package lists;
2
3  import javafx.application.Application;
4  import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
5  import javafx.collections.ObservableList;
6  import javafx.event.ActionEvent;
7  import javafx.event.EventHandler;
8  import javafx.geometry.HPos;
9  import javafx.geometry.Insets;
10 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
11 import javafx.scene.Scene;
12 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
13 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
14 import javafx.scene.control.ListView;
15 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
16 import javafx.scene.layout.ColumnConstraints;
17 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
18 import javafx.scene.layout.Priority;
19 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
20 import javafx.stage.Stage;

```

```

21
22 public class ListEx extends Application {
23
24     public static void main(String[] args) {
25         launch(args);
26     }
27
28     ListView<String> lView = null;
29     ListView<String> gView = null;
30     Button lrBut = new Button(" \u2192 "); // ->
31     Button rlBut = new Button(" \u2190 "); // <-
32     Button upBut = new Button(" \u2191 "); // up
33     Button dnBut = new Button(" \u2193 "); // down
34
35     ListView<String> lastView = null;
36
37     public void init() {
38         ObservableList<String> ladies =
39             FXCollections.observableArrayList(
40                 "Cleopatra", "Laura", "Petrarca",
41                 "Romeo", "Pierre", "Dante", "Heloise");
42         ObservableList<String> gents =
43             FXCollections.observableArrayList(
44                 "Abelard", "Marie", "Juliet",
45                 "Mark Antony", "Beatrice");
46         lView = new ListView<>(ladies);
47         gView = new ListView<>(gents);
48
49         EventHandler<ActionEvent> hHandler =
50             new EventHandler<ActionEvent>() {
51                 @Override
52                 public void handle(ActionEvent event) {
53                     ListView<String> fromView = null;
54                     ObservableList<String> fromList = null,
55                         toList = null;
56                     if (event.getSource().equals(rlBut)) {
57                         fromView = gView;
58                         fromList = gents;
59                         toList = ladies;
60                     } else if (event.getSource()
61                         .equals(lrBut)) {
62                         fromView = lView;
63                         fromList = ladies;
64                         toList = gents;
65                     } else return;
66                     String s = fromView.getSelectionModel()
67                         .getSelectedItem();
68                     if (s != null) {
69                         fromView.getSelectionModel()
70                             .clearSelection();

```

```

71         fromList.remove(s);
72         toList.add(s);
73     }
74 }
75 };
76 rlBut.setOnAction(hHandler);
77 lrBut.setOnAction(hHandler);
78
79 EventHandler<ActionEvent> vHandler =
80     new EventHandler<ActionEvent>() {
81         @Override
82         public void handle(ActionEvent event) {
83             String s = lastView.getSelectionModel()
84                 .getSelectedItem();
85             if (s == null) return;
86             boolean up = event.getSource()
87                 .equals(upBut);
88             int ind = lastView.getSelectionModel()
89                 .getSelectedIndex();
90             if (ind < 0) return;
91             int nextInd = up ? ind-1 : ind + 1;
92             int last = lastView.getItems().size()-1;
93             if (up && ind == 0) {
94                 nextInd = 0;
95             } else if (!up && ind == last) {
96                 nextInd = last;
97             } else {
98                 ObservableList<String> list =
99                     lastView.getItems();
100                 list.set(ind, list.get(nextInd));
101                 list.set(nextInd, s);
102             }
103             lastView.requestFocus();
104             lastView.getSelectionModel()
105                 .clearAndSelect(nextInd);
106         }
107     };
108 upBut.setOnAction(vHandler);
109 dnBut.setOnAction(vHandler);
110 }
111
112 @Override
113 public void start(Stage stage) {
114     stage.setTitle("Arrange ladies and gents");
115     BorderPane root = new BorderPane();
116     Scene scene = new Scene(root, 450, 250);
117
118     GridPane grid = new GridPane();
119     grid.setPadding(new Insets(5, 20, 10, 20));
120     grid.setHgap(10);

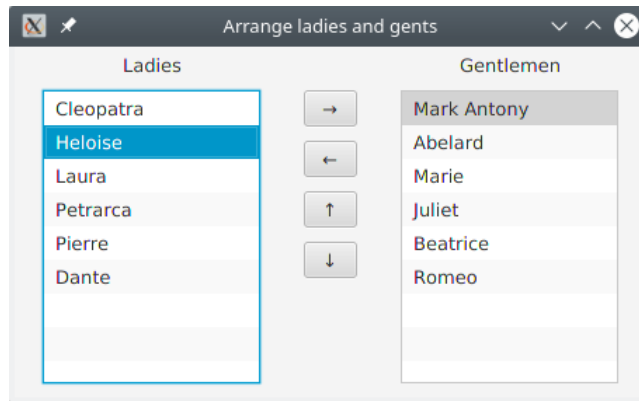
```

```

121     grid.setVgap(10);
122     ColumnConstraints col1 =
123         new ColumnConstraints(150,150,Double.MAX_VALUE);
124     ColumnConstraints col2 =
125         new ColumnConstraints(80);
126     ColumnConstraints col3 =
127         new ColumnConstraints(150,150,Double.MAX_VALUE);
128     col1.setHgrow(Priority.ALWAYS);
129     col3.setHgrow(Priority.ALWAYS);
130     grid.getColumnConstraints().addAll(col1, col2, col3);
131
132     Label lLab = new Label("Ladies");
133     GridPane.setHalignment(lLab, HPos.CENTER);
134     grid.add(lLab, 0, 0);
135     lView.focusedProperty().addListener((o, p, n) -> {
136         if (n) lastView = lView;
137     });
138
139     Label gLab = new Label("Gentlemen");
140     GridPane.setHalignment(gLab, HPos.CENTER);
141     grid.add(gLab, 2, 0);
142     gView.focusedProperty().addListener((o, p, n) -> {
143         if (n) lastView = gView;
144     });
145
146     grid.add(lView, 0, 1);
147     grid.add(gView, 2, 1);
148
149     VBox vbox = new VBox();
150     vbox.setSpacing(10);
151     vbox.setAlignment(Pos.TOP_CENTER);
152     vbox.getChildren().addAll(lrBut,rlBut,upBut,dnBut);
153     grid.add(vbox, 1, 1);
154
155     root.setCenter(grid);
156     GridPane.setVgrow(root, Priority.ALWAYS);
157     stage.setScene(scene);
158     stage.show();
159 }
160 }

```

The GUI displayed by the program looks like this:



Now, let's have a look at another example of a list view — this time we use a 'cell factory' to render the cells of the list view in a special way (see lines 67-73). We set a cell factory for our list view by implementing the functional interface **Callback**: its **call** method has to return an object of type **ListCell** which will be created by the platform to render a cell of the list view when needed. This class inherits (indirectly) from **Labeled** and may be treated more or less like a label; in particular we can set a text and 'graphic' (as shown on line 91) although, contrary to what the name suggests, it doesn't have to be a graphic — in fact, it can be an object of any class inheriting from **Node**. In the example, we return an object of the custom class **ColorBox**: it inherits from **ListCell** and has to override the method **updateItem**. When overriding this method, we have to

- call **super.updateItem**;
- check if the first argument is not **null** and the second (empty) is not **true**: if so, we set both text and graphic to **null** (empty equal to **true** means that the cell to be rendered belongs to an empty row and should not be visible at all). Otherwise, we just set text and/or 'graphic', as we would do for a label.

In the example, we also set a tooltip for objects of our class — this is, of course, not necessary but might be helpful for the users (here the tooltips just display characteristics of colors).

Listing 148

JXZ-ColsList/CssColors.java

```

1 package csscolors;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
5 import javafx.collections.ObservableList;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.scene.control.ListCell;
8 import javafx.scene.control.ListView;
9 import javafx.scene.control.Tooltip;
10 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
11 import javafx.scene.shape.Rectangle;
12 import javafx.stage.Stage;
13 import javafx.util.Callback;
14
15 public class CssColors extends Application {
16     final static ObservableList<String> data =

```



```

17     FXCollections.observableArrayList(
18         "aliceblue", "antiquewhite", "aqua",
19         "aquamarine", "azure", "beige", "bisque",
20         "black", "blanchedalmond", "blue", "blueviolet",
21         "brown", "burlywood", "cadetblue", "chartreuse",
22         "chocolate", "coral", "cornflowerblue",
23         "cornsilk", "crimson", "cyan", "darkblue",
24         "darkcyan", "darkgoldenrod", "darkgray",
25         "darkgreen", "darkgrey", "darkkhaki",
26         "darkmagenta", "darkolivegreen", "darkorange",
27         "darkorchid", "darkred", "darksalmon",
28         "darkseagreen", "darkslateblue", "darkslategray",
29         "darkslategrey", "darkturquoise", "darkviolet",
30         "deeppink", "deepskyblue", "dimgray", "dimgrey",
31         "dodgerblue", "firebrick", "floralwhite",
32         "forestgreen", "fuchsia", "gainsboro",
33         "ghostwhite", "gold", "goldenrod", "gray",
34         "green", "greenyellow", "grey", "honeydew",
35         "hotpink", "indianred", "indigo", "ivory",
36         "khaki", "lavender", "lavenderblush",
37         "lawngreen", "lemonchiffon", "lightblue",
38         "lightcoral", "lightcyan",
39         "lightgoldenrodyellow", "lightgray",
40         "lightgreen", "lightgrey", "lightpink",
41         "lightsalmon", "lightseagreen", "lightskyblue",
42         "lightslategray", "lightslategrey",
43         "lightsteelblue", "lightyellow", "lime",
44         "limegreen", "linen", "magenta", "maroon",
45         "mediumaquamarine", "mediumblue", "mediumorchid",
46         "mediumpurple", "mediumseagreen",
47         "mediumslateblue", "mediumspringgreen",
48         "mediumturquoise", "mediumvioletred",
49         "midnightblue", "mintcream", "mistyrose",
50         "moccasin", "navajowhite", "navy", "oldlace",
51         "olive", "olivedrab", "orange", "orangered",
52         "orchid", "palegoldenrod", "palegreen",
53         "paleturquoise", "palevioletred", "papayawhip",
54         "peachpuff", "peru", "pink", "plum",
55         "powderblue", "purple", "red", "rosybrown",
56         "royalblue", "saddlebrown", "salmon",
57         "sandybrown", "seagreen", "seashell", "sienna",
58         "silver", "skyblue", "slateblue", "slategray",
59         "slategrey", "snow", "springgreen", "steelblue",
60         "tan", "teal", "thistle", "tomato", "turquoise",
61         "violet", "wheat", "white", "whitesmoke",
62         "yellow", "yellowgreen"
63     );
64
65     public void start(Stage stage) {
66         ListView<String> lv = new ListView<>(data);

```

```

67     lv.setCellFactory(new Callback<ListView<String>,
68                           ListCell<String>>() {
69         @Override
70         public ListCell<String> call(ListView<String> l){
71             return new ColorBox();
72         }
73     });
74
75     stage.setScene(new Scene(lv, 320, 750));
76     stage.setTitle("Predefined HTML/CSS Colors");
77     stage.show();
78 }
79
80 private static class ColorBox extends ListCell<String> {
81     @Override
82     protected void updateItem(String col, boolean empty){
83         super.updateItem(col, empty);
84         if (empty || col == null) {
85             setGraphic(null);
86             setText(null);
87         } else {
88             Color c = Color.web(col);
89             Rectangle rect = new Rectangle(100, 20);
90             rect.setFill(c);
91             setGraphic(rect);
92             setText(col.toUpperCase());
93             int r = (int)(255*c.getRed()),
94                 g = (int)(255*c.getGreen()),
95                 b = (int)(255*c.getBlue());
96             setTooltip(new Tooltip(
97                 col + ": (" + r + ", " + g + ", " + b +
98                 ") = #" + String.format("%02X%02X%02X",
99                                         r, g, b)
100             ));
101         }
102     }
103 }
104 }

```

The program displays a list of the predefined CSS/HTML named colors, as shown below:

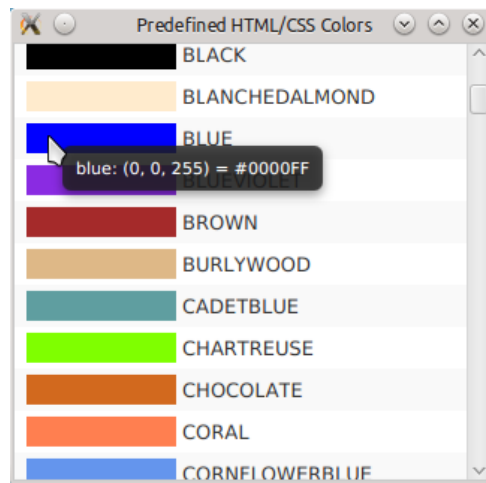


Table views are similar to list views. Let us consider the following example: rows of the table correspond to objects of class **PersonFX** and columns to properties of these objects:

Listing 149

JYN-TableFX/PersonFX.java

```

1  import javafx.beans.property.ObjectProperty;
2  import javafx.beans.property.SimpleObjectProperty;
3  import javafx.beans.property.IntegerProperty;
4  import javafx.beans.property.SimpleIntegerProperty;
5  import javafx.beans.property.DoubleProperty;
6  import javafx.beans.property.SimpleDoubleProperty;
7  import javafx.beans.property.StringProperty;
8  import javafx.beans.property.SimpleStringProperty;
9  import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
10
11  public class PersonFX {
12      private StringProperty name;
13      private DoubleProperty height;
14      private IntegerProperty weight;
15      private ObjectProperty<Color> favCol;
16
17      public PersonFX(String n, double h, int w, Color c) {
18          name = new SimpleStringProperty(n);
19          if (h > 3) h = h/100;
20          height = new SimpleDoubleProperty(h);
21          weight = new SimpleIntegerProperty(w);
22          favCol = new SimpleObjectProperty<>(c);
23      }
24
25      public String getName() { return name.get(); }
26      public double getHeight() { return height.get(); }
27      public DoubleProperty heightProperty() {
28          return height;
29      }
30      public int    getWeight() { return weight.get(); }
31      public Color  getFavCol() { return favCol.get(); }

```

```

32     public Integer getBmi() {
33         return (int)(weight.get()/height.get()/height.get());
34     }
35 }

```

and now we build the table itself:

Listing 150

JYN-TableFX/PersonTableFX.java

```

1  import javafx.application.Application;
2  import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
3  import javafx.scene.Scene;
4  import javafx.scene.control.TableCell;
5  import javafx.scene.control.TableColumn;
6  import javafx.scene.control.TableView;
7  import javafx.scene.control.cell.PropertyValueFactory;
8  import javafx.scene.layout.Background;
9  import javafx.scene.layout.BackgroundFill;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
11 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
12 import javafx.stage.Stage;
13
14 public class PersonTableFX extends Application {
15     @Override
16     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
17         TableView<PersonFX> persons =
18             new TableView<>(FXCollections
19                 .observableArrayList(
20                     new PersonFX("John", 1.72, 97, Color.BLUE),
21                     new PersonFX("Jill", 170, 57, Color.PINK),
22                     new PersonFX("Kate", 170, 47, Color.GREEN)
23                 ));
24
25
26         TableColumn<PersonFX, String> nameCol =
27             new TableColumn<>("Name");
28         nameCol.setCellValueFactory(
29             new PropertyValueFactory<>("name"));
30         persons.getColumns().add(nameCol);
31
32         TableColumn<PersonFX, Double> heightCol =
33             new TableColumn<>("Height [m]");
34         heightCol.setCellValueFactory(
35             new PropertyValueFactory<>("height"));
36         persons.getColumns().add(heightCol);
37
38         TableColumn<PersonFX, Integer> weightCol =
39             new TableColumn<>("Weight [kg]");
40         weightCol.setCellValueFactory(

```

```

41         new PropertyValueFactory<>("weight"));
42 persons.setColumns().add(weightCol);
43
44 TableColumn<PersonFX, Color> favColCol =
45     new TableColumn<>("Favorite color");
46 favColCol.setCellValueFactory(
47     new PropertyValueFactory<>("favCol"));
48 favColCol.setCellFactory(column -> {
49     return new TableCell<PersonFX, Color>() {
50         @Override
51         protected void updateItem(Color col,
52                                 boolean empty) {
53             super.updateItem(col, empty);
54
55             if (col == null || empty) {
56                 setText(null);
57                 setStyle("");
58                 return;
59             }
60             setBackground(new Background(
61                 new BackgroundFill(col,
62                                     null, null)));
63         }
64     };
65 });
66 persons.setColumns().add(favColCol);
67
68     // bmi is not a fx property, but this will work,
69     // although it will be wrapped in
70     // ReadOnlyObjectWrapper and cannot be observed
71 TableColumn<PersonFX, Integer> bmiCol =
72     new TableColumn<>("BMI");
73 bmiCol.setCellValueFactory(
74     new PropertyValueFactory<>("bmi"));
75 bmiCol.setCellFactory(column -> {
76     return new TableCell<PersonFX, Integer>() {
77         @Override
78         protected void updateItem(Integer bmi,
79                                 boolean empty) {
80             super.updateItem(bmi, empty);
81
82             if (bmi == null || empty) {
83                 setText(null);
84                 setStyle("");
85                 return;
86             }
87             setText(""+bmi);
88             if (bmi > 25) {
89                 setTextFill(Color.BLACK);
90                 setStyle("-fx-background-color:red");

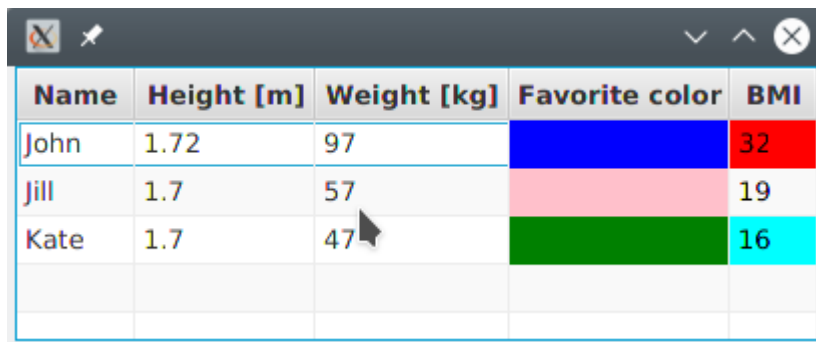
```

```

91         } else if (bmi < 18) {
92             setTextFill(Color.BLACK);
93             setStyle("-fx-background-color:cyan");
94         } else {
95             setTextFill(Color.BLACK);
96         }
97     }
98 };
99 });
100
101
102 persons.getColumns().add(bmiCol);
103
104 Scene scene = new Scene(new StackPane(persons));
105
106 primaryStage.setScene(scene);
107 primaryStage.show();
108 }
109
110 public static void main(String[] args) {
111     launch(args);
112 }
113 }

```

The program displays



Name	Height [m]	Weight [kg]	Favorite color	BMI
John	1.72	97	Blue	32
Jill	1.7	57	Pink	19
Kate	1.7	47	Green	16

Let us consider now trees, represented by objects of type **TreeView**.

Listing 151

JYO-TreeView/TreeFXBasic.java

```

1 package tree;
2
3 import java.util.Arrays;
4 import java.util.List;
5 import javafx.application.Application;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.scene.control.TextArea;
8 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
9 import javafx.scene.control.TreeCell;

```

```

10 import javafx.scene.control.TreeItem;
11 import javafx.scene.control.TreeView;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
13 import javafx.scene.input.KeyCode;
14 import javafx.stage.Stage;
15
16 public class TreeFXBasic extends Application {
17     public static void main(String[] args) {
18         Application.launch(args);
19     }
20
21     @Override
22     public void start(Stage stage) {
23         TreeItem<String> treeRoot = new TreeItem<>("People");
24         treeRoot.setExpanded(true);
25
26         List<TreeItem<String>> women = Arrays.asList(
27             new TreeItem<String>("Alice"),
28             new TreeItem<String>("Lisa"),
29             new TreeItem<String>("Monica")
30         );
31         TreeItem<String> womenNode = new TreeItem<>("Women");
32         womenNode.getChildren().addAll(women);
33         womenNode.setExpanded(true);
34         treeRoot.getChildren().add(womenNode);
35
36         List<TreeItem<String>> men = Arrays.asList(
37             new TreeItem<String>("John"),
38             new TreeItem<String>("Bill"),
39             new TreeItem<String>("George"),
40             new TreeItem<String>("Kevin"),
41             new TreeItem<String>("Joseph")
42         );
43         TreeItem<String> menNode = new TreeItem<>("Men");
44         menNode.getChildren().addAll(men);
45         menNode.setExpanded(false);
46         treeRoot.getChildren().add(menNode);
47
48         TreeView<String> treeView = new TreeView<>();
49         treeView.setRoot(treeRoot);
50
51         TextArea area = new TextArea();
52         area.setPrefRowCount(15);
53
54         // detecting expand/collapse node events
55         treeRoot.addEventHandler(
56             TreeItem.<String>branchExpandedEvent(),
57             e -> area.appendText(
58                 e.getSource().getValue() + " expanded\n"));
59         treeRoot.addEventHandler(

```

```

60         TreeItem.<String>branchCollapsedEvent(),
61         e -> area.appendText(
62             e.getSource().getValue() + " collapsed\n"));
63
64         // editing nodes (on double click by default)
65         treeView.setEditable(true);
66         treeView.setCellFactory(view -> new MyTextCell());
67
68         // detecting selections
69         treeView.getSelectionModel().selectedItemProperty()
70             .addListener( // ChangeListener
71                 (obsVal, oldV, newV) ->
72                     area.appendText("Selection: " +
73                         (oldV != null ? oldV.getValue() : "null") +
74                         " -> " + newV.getValue() + "\n")
75             );
76
77         VBox root = new VBox(treeView, area);
78         Scene scene = new Scene(root, 250, 380);
79         stage.setScene(scene);
80         stage.setTitle("People");
81         stage.show();
82     }
83 }
84
85 class MyTextCell extends TreeCell<String> {
86     private TextField textField;
87
88     @Override
89     public void startEdit() {
90         super.startEdit(); // <- important
91         textField = new TextField(getItem());
92         textField.setOnKeyPressed(e -> {
93             if (e.getCode() == KeyCode.ENTER)
94                 commitEdit(textField.getText());
95             else if (e.getCode() == KeyCode.ESCAPE)
96                 cancelEdit();
97
98             });
99         setText(null);
100         setGraphic(textField);
101         textField.selectAll();
102     }
103
104     @Override
105     public void cancelEdit() {
106         super.cancelEdit();
107         // restore normal ('label') view
108         setText(getItem());
109         setGraphic(getTreeItem().getGraphic());

```

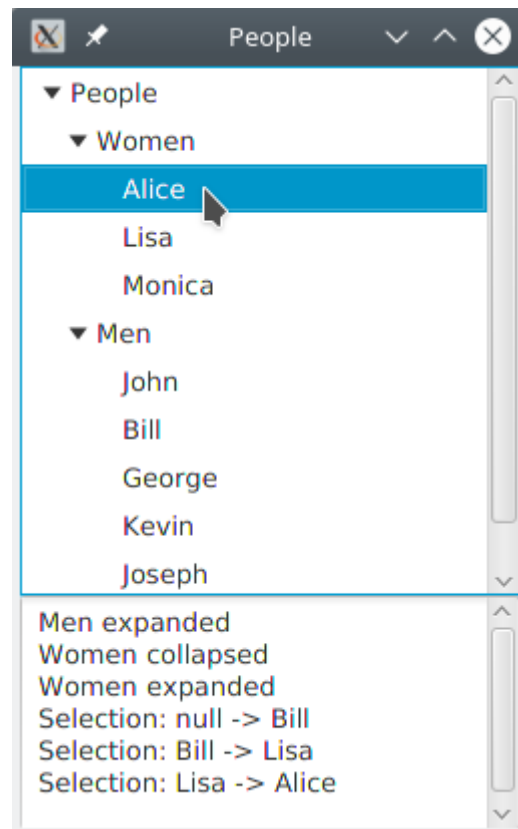


```

110     }
111
112     @Override
113     public void updateItem(String item, boolean empty) {
114         super.updateItem(item, empty);
115
116         if (empty) {
117             setText(null);
118             setGraphic(null);
119             return;
120         }
121
122         if (!isEditing()) {
123             setText(getItem());
124             setGraphic(getTreeItem().getGraphic());
125             return;
126         }
127
128         if (textField != null) {
129             textField.setText(getItem());
130         }
131         setText(null);
132         setGraphic(textField);
133     }
134 }

```

The program displays a tree: nodes are editable (after double-clicking) and react to expanding/collapsing or selections.



12.7 Tasks

To avoid performing long tasks on the application thread (what makes the application unresponsive), we can create objects of type **Task** and execute them (their **call** method) on other threads. **Tasks** have many useful methods which provide means of communication between the task and the application running on the application thread. Changes of their public properties and change notifications for state, errors, and for event handlers, are executed on the application thread and are thread safe.

Let us consider an example

Listing 152

JXO-Tasks/Tasks.java

```

1 package tasks;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.application.Platform;
5 import javafx.concurrent.Task;
6 import javafx.geometry.Insets;
7 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
8 import javafx.scene.Scene;
9 import javafx.stage.Stage;
10 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
11 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
12 import javafx.scene.control.ProgressBar;
13 import javafx.scene.control.ProgressIndicator;
14 import javafx.scene.layout.ColumnConstraints;
15 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;

```

```

16 import javafx.scene.layout.Priority;
17
18 public class Tasks extends Application {
19     public static void main(String[] args) {
20         Application.launch(args);
21     }
22
23     @Override
24     public void start(Stage stage) {
25         GridPane root = new GridPane();
26         root.setHgap(20);
27         root.setVgap(20);
28         ColumnConstraints c1 = new ColumnConstraints();
29         c1.setHgrow(Priority.ALWAYS);
30         ColumnConstraints c2 = new ColumnConstraints(100);
31         ColumnConstraints c3 = new ColumnConstraints(60);
32         ColumnConstraints c4 = new ColumnConstraints();
33         c4.setHgrow(Priority.ALWAYS);
34         root.getColumnConstraints().addAll(c1, c2, c3, c4);
35         root.setPadding(new Insets(20, 20, 20, 20));
36
37         // adding elements to the grid
38         for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i) new OneRow(root, i);
39
40         stage.setScene(new Scene(root));
41         stage.setTitle("Logistic map");
42         stage.show();
43     }
44 }
45
46 class OneRow {
47     final static int ITER = 100;
48     GridPane grid;
49     Label label = null;
50     Button button = null;
51     ProgressBar pBar = new ProgressBar();
52     ProgressIndicator pInd = new ProgressIndicator();
53
54     OneRow(GridPane g, int row){
55         grid = g;
56         Task<Double> task = new Task<Double>() {
57             int t = (int)(100+Math.random()*200);
58             double d = Math.random();
59             @Override
60             protected Double call() {
61                 boolean cancelled = false;
62                 //label.textProperty()
63                 //      .bind(this.messageProperty());
64                 updateMessage("0/" + ITER);
65                 for (int i = 0; i <= ITER; ++i) {

```

```

66         if (isCancelled()) {
67             updateMessage("Cancelled");
68             cancelled = true;
69             break;
70         }
71         updateMessage(i + "/" + ITER);
72         updateProgress(i, ITER);
73         try {
74             Thread.sleep(t);
75         } catch (InterruptedException e) {
76             if (isCancelled()) {
77                 updateMessage("Cancelled");
78                 cancelled = true;
79                 break;
80             }
81         }
82         d = 3.25*d*(1-d); // logistic map
83     }
84     if (!cancelled) {
85         updateProgress(ITER, ITER);
86         updateMessage("Done: " +
87             String.format("%.3f",d));
88         Platform.runLater(() -> {
89             button.setDisable(true);
90             button.setText("Success");
91         });
92     }
93     return d;
94 }
95 @Override
96 protected void running() {
97     label.textProperty()
98         .bind(this.messageProperty());
99 }
100 };
101
102 Thread thread = new Thread(task);
103 thread.setDaemon(true);
104
105 button = new Button("Start");
106 button.setPrefSize(120, 60);
107 button.setOnAction(e -> {
108     if (button.getText().equals("Start")) {
109         thread.start();
110         Platform.runLater(() ->
111             button.setText("Cancel")
112         );
113     } else if (button.getText().equals("Cancel")) {
114         task.cancel();
115         Platform.runLater(() -> {

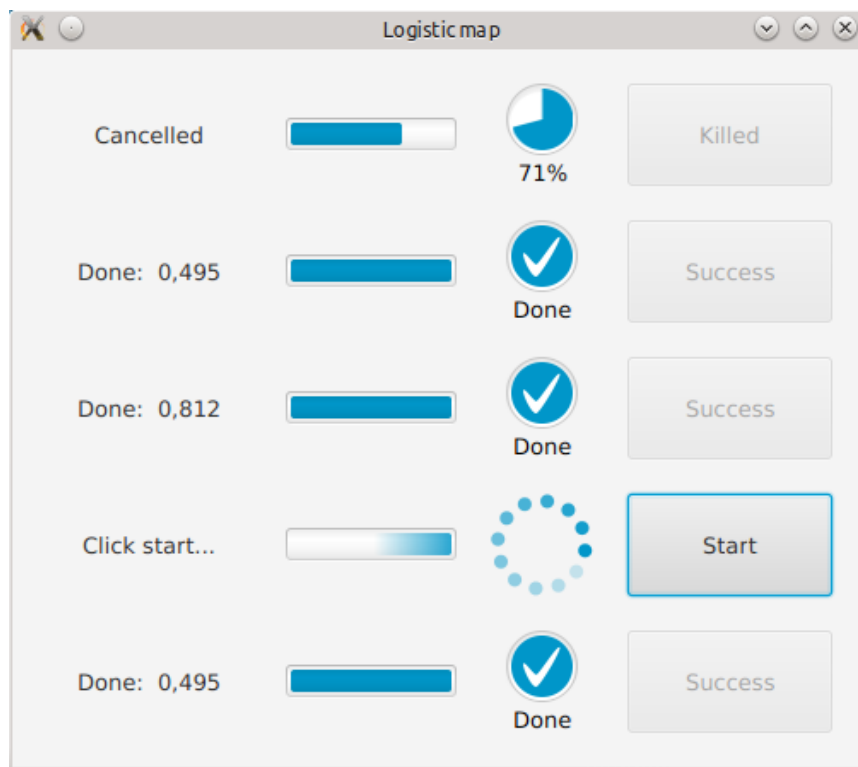
```

```

116         button.setDisable(true);
117         button.setText("Killed");
118     });
119 }
120 });
121
122
123 pBar.progressProperty()
124     .bind(task.progressProperty());
125 pInd.progressProperty()
126     .bind(task.progressProperty());
127 label = new Label("Click start...");
128 label.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
129 label.setPrefSize(120, 60);
130     // label bound to message in running above
131
132 grid.add(label, 0, row);
133 grid.add(pBar, 1, row);
134 grid.add(pInd, 2, row);
135 grid.add(button, 3, row);
136 }
137 }

```

which displays



12.8 Animations

Maybe the simplest way to create an animation in JavaFX is by using the abstract **AnimationTimer** class. The class itself has nothing to do with rendering any graphical

interfaces — it inherits directly from **Object** and adds only three methods. Two of them are concrete (already implemented): **start** and **stop**. The third one, **handle**, is abstract and we have to implement it in our own, perhaps anonymous, class. After creation of an object of this class, one can call **start** on it. From this moment, the **handle** method will be called on the object many (around 50) times per second, until **stop** is invoked. Each time **handle** is called, a timestamp is passed to it as the only argument — it corresponds to time in nanoseconds ($1\text{ s} = 10^9\text{ ns}$).

Let us look at the example below. We create (in the loop starting at line 24) several lines. With each of them, we associate an object of the **AnimationTimer** class. Its **handle** method calculates the time interval since the previous invocation (kept in `prevT`) and modifies the x-coordinate of the end point of the line: it is incremented by this time interval (in seconds) multiplied by the velocity *v* (which is generated randomly for each line separately). When the end point of the line reaches the width (minus some margin) of the pane within which the lines are rendered, the method **stop** is called and the animation stops:

Listing 153

JYP-AnimTimer/AnimTimer.java

```

1 package animtimer;
2
3 import javafx.animation.AnimationTimer;
4 import javafx.application.Application;
5 import javafx.beans.property.LongProperty;
6 import javafx.beans.property.SimpleLongProperty;
7 import javafx.scene.Scene;
8 import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
9 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
10 import javafx.scene.shape.Line;
11 import javafx.stage.Stage;
12
13 public class AnimTimer extends Application {
14     private final static int
15         NLINES = 7, STEPY = 20, PREFWIDTH = 300, MARG = 20;
16     private final static Color[]
17         COLS = {Color.BLUE, Color.ORANGE, Color.MAGENTA};
18
19     @Override
20     public void start(Stage stage) {
21         AnimationTimer[] timers = new AnimationTimer[NLINES];
22         Pane pane = new Pane();
23
24         for (int i = 0; i < NLINES; ++i) {
25             Line line = new Line(MARG, (i+1)*STEPY,
26                                 MARG, (i+1)*STEPY);
27
28             line.setStroke(
29                 COLS[(int)(Math.random()*COLS.length)]);
30             line.setStrokeWidth(7);
31
32             LongProperty prevT = new SimpleLongProperty(0);
33             // v is velocity in pixels/second

```

```

33     double v = 10 + 20*Math.random();
34     timers[i] = new AnimationTimer() {
35         @Override
36         public void handle(long t) {
37             // t is timestamp in nanoseconds
38             if (prevT.get() > 0) {
39                 double dt = (t - prevT.get()) * 1e-9;
40                 double newX = line.getEndX() + v*dt;
41                 if (newX > pane.getWidth() - MARG) {
42                     stop();
43                     return;
44                 }
45                 line.setEndX(newX);
46             }
47             prevT.set(t);
48         }
49     };
50     pane.getChildren().add(line);
51 }
52 pane.setPrefWidth(PREFWIDTH);
53 pane.setPrefHeight(STEPY*(NLINES+1));
54 stage.setScene(new Scene(pane));
55 stage.setTitle("Line race");
56 stage.show();
57
58 for (int i = 0; i < NLINES; ++i) timers[i].start();
59 }
60
61 public static void main(String[] args) {
62     launch(args);
63 }
64 }

```

The program displays



The next example illustrates the basic mechanisms that can be used to get animation effects — here, it is the radius of a circle.

The **Timeline** class describes the timeline, that is a series of frames each of which

corresponds to a situation at one specified moment of time. By “situation” we mean the values of various properties of visible objects: radii of circles, x- and y-coordinates of points etc. It is described by an object of type **KeyValue** which can be constructed by passing a property (strictly speaking, a **WritableValue**) and its desired value. The third, optional, argument is an **Interpolator** — it specifies how the value of the property will be interpolated between the previous frame to the one described by this **KeyValue** (the default is **Interpolator.LINEAR**). Having defined one or more **KeyValues** corresponding to a given moment of time, we pass them to the constructor of the **KeyFrame** class. The first argument, of type **Duration**, specifies moment of time that this key frame corresponds to (counting from the beginning of the animation, *not* from the previous frame!). Finally, we create an object of type **Timeline** and add all desired **KeyFrames** to it.

The procedure is illustrated by the following simple example. Here, the radius of a **Circle** is the property which evolves in time:

Listing 154

JYR-BCirc/BreathingCircle.java

```

1 package circle;
2
3 import javafx.animation.KeyFrame;
4 import javafx.animation.KeyValue;
5 import javafx.animation.Timeline;
6 import javafx.application.Application;
7 import javafx.scene.Scene;
8 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
9 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
10 import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
11 import javafx.stage.Stage;
12 import javafx.util.Duration;
13
14 public class BreathingCircle extends Application {
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         Application.launch(args);
17     }
18
19     @Override
20     public void start(Stage stage) {
21         StackPane root = new StackPane();
22         Circle circle = new Circle(10);
23         circle.setFill(Color.BLUE);
24         root.getChildren().add(circle);
25
26         KeyValue rad0 = new KeyValue(circle.radiusProperty(), 10);
27         KeyFrame fra0 = new KeyFrame(Duration.millis(0), rad0);
28
29         KeyValue rad1 = new KeyValue(circle.radiusProperty(), 80);
30         KeyFrame fra1 = new KeyFrame(Duration.millis(2000), rad1);
31
32         KeyValue rad2 = new KeyValue(circle.radiusProperty(), 10);
33         KeyFrame fra2 = new KeyFrame(Duration.millis(4000), rad2);

```

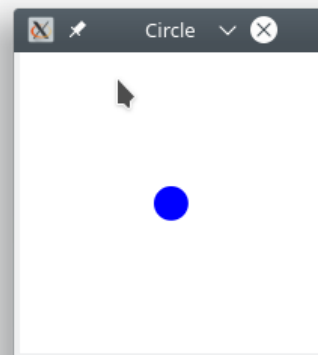
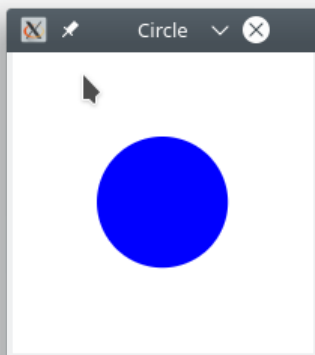


```

34
35     Timeline timeline = new Timeline();
36     timeline.getKeyFrames().addAll(fra0, fra1, fra2);
37     timeline.setCycleCount(3);
38     timeline.play();
39
40     Scene scene = new Scene(root, 200, 200);
41     stage.setScene(scene);
42     stage.setTitle("Circle");
43     stage.setResizable(false);
44     stage.show();
45 }
46 }

```

The program displays a “breathing” blue circle:



In some simple situations, when the value of a property just goes from a starting value to a final one, an implementation of the abstract **Transition** class can be used (it also extends the **Animation** class, as does **Timeline**). One can define a class extending **Transition** and provide an implementation of its abstract **interpolate** method, or use one its many concrete already defined implementations: they include

- FadeTransition**
- FillTransition**
- RotateTransition**
- ScaleTransition**
- StrokeTransition**
- TranslateTransition**

and others.

In the example below, we use three of them: **ScaleTransition**, **FillTransition** and **StrokeTransition**. In all cases, the first two arguments are duration and an object (**Node** or **Shape**, depending of the concrete class) whose property is evolving in time. Starting and final values can be set by appropriate methods, or, for some of these classes, also passed to the constructor. Note that we launch four animations (three transitions and one timeline) at the same time (lines 92-95) — the one defined by a timeline describes the movement of a little circle; its stroke and fill colors are gradually changed by appropriate transitions:

```
1 package trans;
2
3 import javafx.animation.FillTransition;
4 import javafx.animation.KeyFrame;
5 import javafx.animation.KeyValue;
6 import javafx.animation.ScaleTransition;
7 import javafx.animation.StrokeTransition;
8 import javafx.animation.Timeline;
9 import javafx.application.Application;
10 import javafx.scene.Scene;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
12 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
13 import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
14 import javafx.scene.text.Font;
15 import javafx.scene.text.FontWeight;
16 import javafx.scene.text.Text;
17 import javafx.stage.Stage;
18 import javafx.util.Duration;
19
20 public class Trans extends Application {
21     public static void main(String[] args) {
22         Application.launch(args);
23     }
24
25     @Override
26     public void start(Stage stage) {
27         StackPane root = new StackPane();
28
29         Text text = new Text("Spinning text");
30         text.setStrokeWidth(3);
31         text.setFill(Color.ORANGE);
32         text.setStroke(Color.BLUE);
33         text.setFont(Font.font(null, FontWeight.BOLD, 55));
34         root.getChildren().addAll(text);
35         ScaleTransition st = new ScaleTransition(
36             Duration.millis(2000), text);
37         st.setFromY(1);
38         st.setToY(-1);
39         st.setCycleCount(4);
40         st.setAutoReverse(true);
41
42         Circle circ = new Circle(10);
43         circ.setStrokeWidth(3);
44         root.getChildren().add(circ);
45         FillTransition ft = new FillTransition(
46             Duration.millis(8000), circ,
47             Color.ORANGE, Color.BLUE);
48         StrokeTransition tt = new StrokeTransition(
```

```

49         Duration.millis(8000), circ,
50         Color.BLUE, Color.ORANGE);
51
52         // x and y relative to center, as this is StackPane
53     KeyValue x0 = new KeyValue(
54         circ.translateXProperty(), -280);
55     KeyValue y0 = new KeyValue(
56         circ.translateYProperty(), -110);
57     KeyFrame f0 = new KeyFrame(
58         Duration.millis( 0), x0, y0);
59
60     KeyValue x1 = new KeyValue(
61         circ.translateXProperty(), +280);
62     KeyValue y1 = new KeyValue(
63         circ.translateYProperty(), -110);
64     KeyFrame f1 = new KeyFrame(
65         Duration.millis(2000), x1, y1);
66
67     KeyValue x2 = new KeyValue(
68         circ.translateXProperty(), +280);
69     KeyValue y2 = new KeyValue(
70         circ.translateYProperty(), +110);
71     KeyFrame f2 = new KeyFrame(
72         Duration.millis(4000), x2, y2);
73
74     KeyValue x3 = new KeyValue(
75         circ.translateXProperty(), -280);
76     KeyValue y3 = new KeyValue(
77         circ.translateYProperty(), +110);
78     KeyFrame f3 = new KeyFrame(
79         Duration.millis(6000), x3, y3);
80
81     KeyValue x4 = new KeyValue(
82         circ.translateXProperty(), -280);
83     KeyValue y4 = new KeyValue(
84         circ.translateYProperty(), -110);
85     KeyFrame f4 = new KeyFrame(
86         Duration.millis(8000), x4, y4);
87
88     Timeline timeline = new Timeline();
89     timeline.getKeyFrames().addAll(f0, f1, f2, f3, f4);
90     timeline.setCycleCount(1);
91
92     st.play();
93     ft.play();
94     tt.play();
95     timeline.play();
96
97     stage.setScene(new Scene(root, 600, 260));
98     stage.setTitle("Four animations");

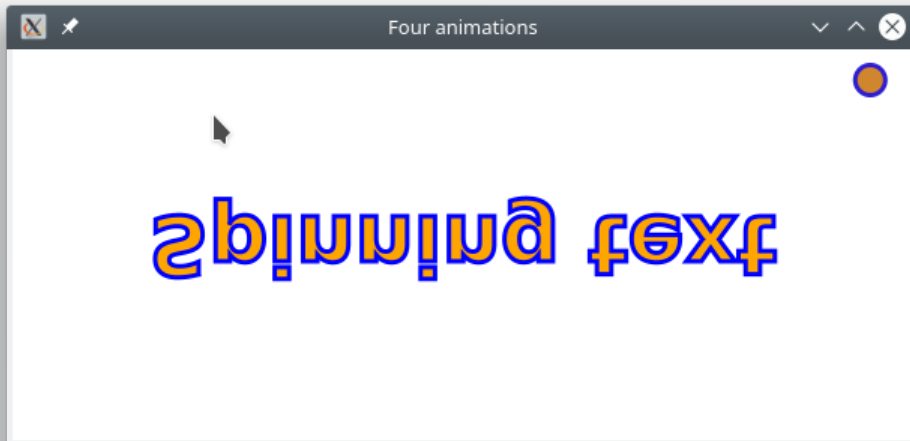
```

```

99     stage.show();
100 }
101 }

```

The program displays



The last example displays a swinging pendulum. Its rod is represented by a **Line** and the weight by a **Circle**. One end of the rod is fixed. We then create a double property time, representing uniformly passing time. Two bindings, `xBind` and `yBind` depend on time and represent x- and y-coordinates of the center of the weight and of the second end of the rod (and are bound to these properties). Animation, defined by a timeline, consists of just two frames passed directly to the constructor: starting frame at time 0 and the final at time equal to one period of the pendulum. It is repeated indefinitely, though.

The buttons start, stop, pause and resume swinging — they use the appropriate methods of **Animation** class. We want some buttons to be disabled, when clicking them would not make sense. Therefore, we bind their `disableProperty` with appropriate logical values. For example, if the state of the animation is *not* STOPPED, then **start** button should be disabled. Similarly, the **stop** button should be disabled when the animation *is* already stopped.

Listing 156

JXR-AnimPendul/Pendulum.java

```

1 package pendulum;
2
3 import javafx.animation.Animation;
4 import javafx.animation.KeyFrame;
5 import javafx.animation.KeyValue;
6 import javafx.animation.Timeline;
7 import javafx.application.Application;
8 import javafx.application.Platform;
9 import javafx.beans.binding.DoubleBinding;
10 import javafx.beans.property.DoubleProperty;

```

```

11 import javafx.beans.property.SimpleDoubleProperty;
12 import javafx.scene.Group;
13 import javafx.scene.Scene;
14 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
15 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
16 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
17 import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
18 import javafx.scene.shape.Line;
19 import javafx.stage.Stage;
20 import javafx.util.Duration;
21
22 public class Pendulum extends Application {
23     public static void main(String[] args) {
24         launch(args);
25     }
26
27     @Override
28     public void start(Stage stage) {
29         final double radius = 10, len = 100,
30             x0 = len+1.5*radius, y0 = 50,
31             period = 3, maxang = Math.PI/2.5,
32             omega = 2*Math.PI/period;
33
34         DoubleProperty time = new SimpleDoubleProperty();
35
36         Line line = new Line();
37         line.setStartX(x0);
38         line.setStartY(y0);
39         line.setStrokeWidth(6);
40         line.setStroke(Color.BLACK);
41
42         Circle circle = new Circle(radius, Color.YELLOW);
43         circle.setStrokeWidth(5);
44         circle.setStroke(Color.RED);
45
46         DoubleBinding xBind = new DoubleBinding() {
47             {
48                 super.bind(time);
49             }
50             @Override
51             protected double computeValue() {
52                 return x0 + len*Math.sin(
53                     maxang*Math.sin(
54                         omega*time.get() - Math.PI/2));
55             }
56         };
57         DoubleBinding yBind = new DoubleBinding() {
58             {
59                 super.bind(time);
60             }

```

```

61         @Override
62         protected double computeValue() {
63             return y0 + len*Math.cos(
64                 maxang*Math.sin(
65                     omega*time.get() - Math.PI/2));
66         }
67     };
68
69     line.endXProperty().bind(xBind);
70     line.endYProperty().bind(yBind);
71     circle.centerXProperty().bind(xBind);
72     circle.centerYProperty().bind(yBind);
73
74     Timeline anim = new Timeline(
75         // KeyFrame at zero seems to be needed
76         // if we want to be able to stop animation
77         // and then start it from the beginning
78         new KeyFrame(Duration.seconds(0),
79             new KeyValue(time, 0)),
80         new KeyFrame(Duration.seconds(period),
81             new KeyValue(time, period)));
82     anim.setCycleCount(Animation.INDEFINITE);
83
84     Button startB = new Button("Start");
85     startB.setOnAction(e -> anim.playFromStart());
86     Button pauseB = new Button("Pause");
87     pauseB.setOnAction(e -> anim.pause());
88     Button resumeB = new Button("Resume");
89     resumeB.setOnAction(e -> anim.play());
90     Button stopB = new Button("Stop");
91     stopB.setOnAction(e -> anim.stop());
92
93     // disable buttons which should not
94     // be active in a given situation
95     startB.disableProperty().bind(
96         anim.statusProperty()
97         .isNotEqualTo(Animation.Status.STOPPED));
98     pauseB.disableProperty().bind(
99         anim.statusProperty()
100        .isNotEqualTo(Animation.Status.RUNNING));
101    resumeB.disableProperty().bind(
102        anim.statusProperty()
103        .isNotEqualTo(Animation.Status.PAUSED));
104    stopB.disableProperty().bind(
105        anim.statusProperty()
106        .isEqualTo(Animation.Status.STOPPED));
107
108    VBox buttons =
109        new VBox(10, startB, pauseB, resumeB, stopB);
110    buttons.relocate(2*len+4*radius, y0/2);

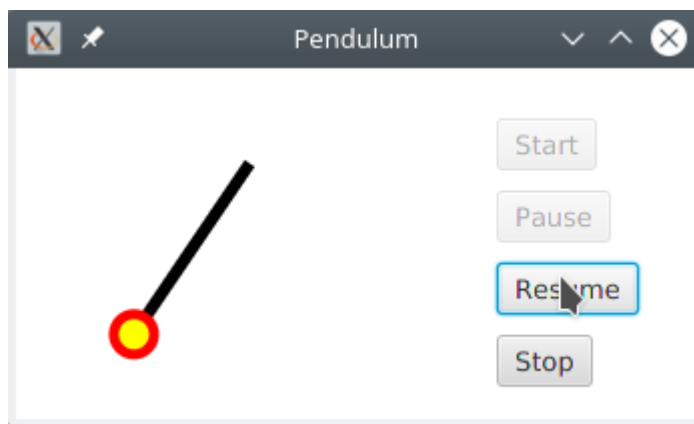
```

```

111     Group group = new Group(line, circle, buttons);
112     Scene scene = new Scene(group, 3*len+4*radius,
113                               y0+len+2.5*radius);
114
115     stage.setScene(scene);
116     stage.setTitle("Pendulum");
117     stage.show();
118 }
119 }

```

The GUI of the program looks like this:



12.9 JavaFX and CSS

All graphical components (nodes) may be styled by using CSS-like syntax (basically, just *property:value(s)* pairs). Styles can be specified by style sheets (external files — local, remote, or packed into *.jar* archives) or inline styles applied to individual nodes directly within the source code of the application.

For many JavaFX classes (in particular, those from *javafx.scene.control* package, but not from *javafx.scene.layout*), their names can be used as CSS style-class names and may be used as CSS selectors; CSS property names are formed from JavaFX variables (properties) names. There is a convention that names used in CSS are always all lowercase with subwords separated by a hyphen. So, for example, JavaFX class **RadioButton** corresponds to CSS style-class *radio-button*. For CSS property names the rule is similar, but the prefix *-fx-* is added: therefore, the JavaFX property *textAlignment* will correspond to CSS property name *-fx-text-alignment*.

There are very many JavaFX classes, objects of which can be styled, and for each of them there are many properties that can be assigned various values. The full list can be found at

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/10/docs/api/javafx/scene/doc-files/cssref.html>

Below, we will show just a few examples — the details should be looked up in the documentation.

Let's start with an example of styling graphical components using inlined CSS. This is quite simple: on a node, we call the method **setStyle** passing, as a **String**, one or

more semicolon separated *property:value(s)* pairs. The style will be applied to the object in question only; hence, there is no need for any selectors here. Of course, all properties must be valid properties of this particular type of node; also assigned values must conform to the specification (see the aforementioned documentation).

Listing 157

JYA-InlineStyles/InlineStyles.java

```
1 package inlinestyles;
2
3 // see https://docs.oracle.com/javase/10/docs/api/
4 //      javafx/scene/doc-files/cssref.html
5
6 import javafx.application.Application;
7 import javafx.scene.Scene;
8 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
9 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
11 import javafx.stage.Stage;
12
13 public class InlineStyles extends Application {
14     public static void main(String[] args) {
15         Application.launch(args);
16     }
17
18     @Override
19     public void start(Stage stage) {
20         HBox root = new HBox();
21         root.setStyle(
22             "-fx-spacing:      10px;" +
23             "-fx-fill-height:   false;" +
24             "-fx-alignment:    center;" +
25             "-fx-padding: 10 20 10 20;"
26         );
27
28         Label l1 = new Label("Label 1");
29         l1.setStyle(
30             "-fx-font-family:    serif;" +
31             "-fx-font-size:      16px;" +
32             "-fx-font-style:    oblique;" +
33             "-fx-font-weight:    bold;" +
34             "-fx-pref-width:      75;" +
35             "-fx-background-color: gold;" +
36             "-fx-text-fill:      fuchsia;"
37         );
38         Label l2 = new Label("Label 2");
39         l2.setStyle(
40             "-fx-font-family: sans-serif;" +
41             "-fx-font-size:      22px;" +
42             "-fx-font-style:    normal;" +
43             "-fx-font-weight:    bold;" +
```



```

44     "-fx-pref-width:          150;" +
45     "-fx-background-color:  lime;" +
46     "-fx-padding:  5 0 5 55;"
47 );
48
49 Button b1 = new Button("Button 1");
50 b1.setStyle(
51     "-fx-font-size:          24px;" +
52     "-fx-font-weight:        bold;" +
53     "-fx-background-color:    aqua;" +
54     "-fx-text-fill:          red;" +
55     "-fx-border-style: solid inside;" +
56     "-fx-border-width:        2;" +
57     "-fx-border-insets:        5;" +
58     "-fx-border-radius:        15;" +
59     "-fx-border-color:        darkblue;"
60 );
61
62 Button b2 = new Button("Fancy button");
63 b2.setStyle(
64     // designed by Jasper Potts
65     "-fx-background-color: " +
66     "linear-gradient(#ffd65b, #e68400)," +
67     "linear-gradient(#ffef84, #f2ba44)," +
68     "linear-gradient(#ffea6a, #efaa22)," +
69     "linear-gradient(#ffe657 0%, #f8c202" +
70     " 50%, #eea10b 100%)," +
71     "linear-gradient(from 0% 0% to 15% 50%," +
72     " rgba(255,255,255,0.9)," +
73     " rgba(255,255,255,0));" +
74     "-fx-background-radius: 30;" +
75     "-fx-background-insets: 0,1,2,3,0;" +
76     "-fx-text-fill: #654b00;" +
77     "-fx-font-weight: bold;" +
78     "-fx-font-size: 20px;" +
79     "-fx-padding: 15 25 15 25;"
80 );
81
82 root.getChildren().addAll(l1, l2, b1, b2);
83 stage.setScene(new Scene(root));
84 stage.setTitle("Inline Styles");
85 stage.show();
86 }
87 }

```

The program displays



Next example is a bit more involved. Here , we change the look of our UI dynamically, at run-time. We will use both inlined styles and styles defined in two different, although similar, external style-sheet files: *sheet1.css*

Listing 158

JYB-DynamicStyles/sheet1.css

```

1  .root {
2      -fx-bkg: azure;
3      -fx-background-color: -fx-bkg;
4  }
5  .label {
6      -fx-text-fill: blue;
7  }
8  .button {
9      -fx-text-fill: blue;
10     -fx-font: normal bold 12px serif;
11 }
12 .vbox {
13     -fx-padding:      5 5 15 5;
14     -fx-alignment:    top-center;
15     -fx-border-color: black;
16     -fx-border-style: solid;
17     -fx-border-width: 2;
18 }
19 .vbox .label {
20     -fx-text-fill: orange;
21 }
22 .hbox {
23     -fx-spacing:      15;
24     -fx-alignment:    center;
25     -fx-padding:      10 20 10 20;
26 }

```

and *sheet2.css*

Listing 159

JYB-DynamicStyles/sheet2.css

```

1  .root {
2      -fx-bkg: lightyellow;
3      -fx-background-color: -fx-bkg;
4  }
5  .label {
6      -fx-text-fill: red;

```

```

7  }
8  .button {
9      -fx-text-fill: red;
10     -fx-font: normal normal 12px sans-serif;
11 }
12 .vbox {
13     -fx-padding:      5 5 15 5;
14     -fx-alignment:    top-center;
15     -fx-border-color: red;
16     -fx-border-style: dashed;
17     -fx-border-width: 2;
18 }
19 .vbox .label {
20     -fx-text-fill: orange;
21 }
22 .hbox {
23     -fx-spacing:      15;
24     -fx-alignment:    center;
25     -fx-padding:      10 20 10 20;
26 }

```

External style sheets are set on the scene object (see line 74 of the program below). The `.root` selector matches the root element of the scene; due to inheritance you can put here properties that are to be inherited by root's children. In particular, you can define CSS 'variables' here. We do it in both CSS sheets, for example in [sheet1.css](#)

```

.root {
    -fx-bkg: azure;
    -fx-background-color: -fx-bkg;
}

```

Note that `-fx-bkg` does not correspond to any property: we just introduce a 'variable' with this name and assign a value (in this case color `azure`) to it. Then we set the color of the background to the value of this variable. The advantage of this approach is the fact that this variable with its value is inherited by the root's children and we can use it to set styling of other nodes. For example, look at line 64 of the program: there, we assign a color `-fx-bkg` to the `-fx-border-color` property, so it will be the same as the color of the background, whatever it currently is (to make the border invisible). In the present version of JavaFX such variables seem to work only for colors and also sizes, but without units (px will be assumed).

Listing 160

JYB-DynamicStyles/DynamicStyles.java

```

1  package dynamicstyles;
2
3  import javafx.application.Application;
4  import javafx.geometry.Insets;
5  import javafx.geometry.Pos;
6  import javafx.scene.Scene;
7  import javafx.scene.control.Button;

```

```

8  import javafx.scene.control.CheckBox;
9  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.FlowPane;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
13 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
14 import javafx.stage.Stage;
15
16 public class DynamicStyles extends Application {
17     public static void main(String[] args) {
18         launch(args);
19     }
20
21     @Override
22     public void start(final Stage stage) {
23         String style1 = "sheet1.css";
24         String style2 = "sheet2.css";
25
26         HBox buttons = new HBox();
27         // HBox style-class empty by default, so...
28         buttons.getStyleClass().add("hbox");
29
30         Button but = new Button("Just a button");
31         Label lab = new Label("Just a label");
32         buttons.getChildren().addAll(but, lab);
33
34         CheckBox brd = new CheckBox("Border on the rhs?");
35         brd.setAllowIndeterminate(false); // default anyway
36         brd.setSelected(false);
37
38         Button toggle = new Button("Toggle style");
39
40         VBox vbox = new VBox(15);
41         // VBox style-class empty by default, so...
42         vbox.getStyleClass().add("vbox");
43         vbox.getChildren().addAll(buttons, brd, toggle);
44
45         Label message = new Label("Style from " + style1);
46         message.setPadding(new Insets(20, 10, 10, 10));
47         BorderPane.setAlignment(message, Pos.CENTER);
48
49         BorderPane bdPane = new BorderPane();
50         bdPane.setPadding(new Insets(15));
51         bdPane.setCenter(vbox);
52         bdPane.setBottom(message);
53
54         String withBorder =
55             "-fx-orientation: vertical;" +
56             "-fx-vgap: 20px;" +
57             "-fx-column-halignment: center;" +

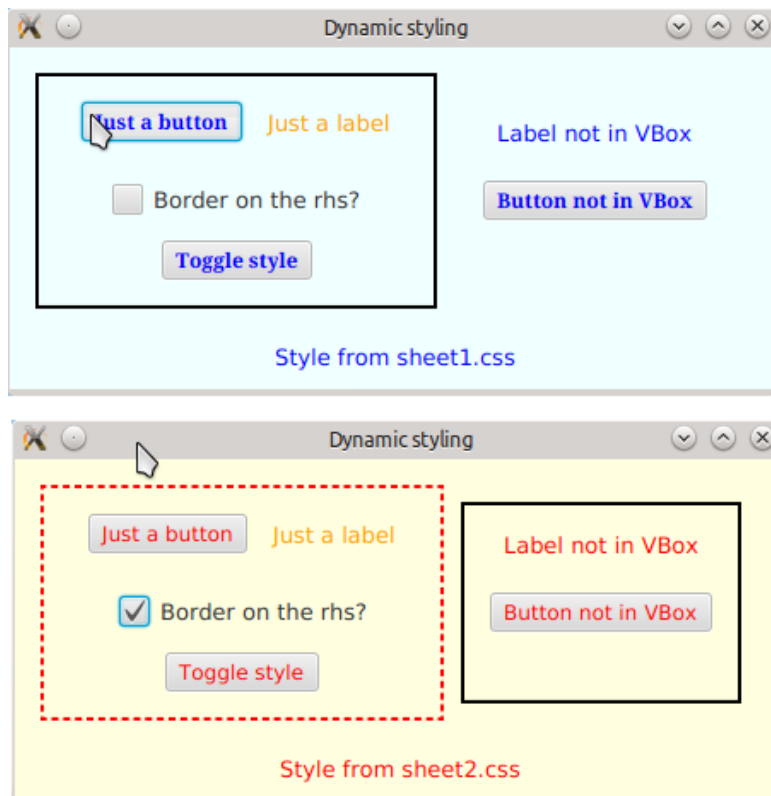
```

```

58     "-fx-padding: 15;" +
59     "-fx-border-color: black;" +
60     "-fx-border-width: 2px;" +
61     "-fx-border-insets: 10;" +
62     "-fx-border-style: solid;";
63 String noBorder = withBorder
64     .replace("black", "-fx-bkg");
65
66 FlowPane fp = new FlowPane();
67 fp.setStyle(noBorder);
68 Label labvb = new Label("Label not in VBox");
69 Button butvb = new Button("Button not in VBox");
70 fp.getChildren().addAll(labvb, butvb);
71 bdPane.setRight(fp);
72
73 Scene scene = new Scene(bdPane, 450, 200);
74 scene.getStylesheets().add(style1);
75
76 toggle.setOnAction(e -> {
77     String curr =
78         scene.getStylesheets().contains(style1) ?
79             style2 : style1;
80     scene.getStylesheets().clear();
81     scene.getStylesheets().add(curr);
82     message.setText("Style from " + curr);
83 });
84
85 brd.setOnAction(e -> {
86     if (brd.isSelected()) fp.setStyle(withBorder);
87     else fp.setStyle(noBorder);
88 });
89
90 stage.setTitle("Dynamic styling");
91 stage.setScene(scene);
92 stage.show();
93 }
94 }

```

The program displays



12.10 Drag and Drop

Listing 161

JYD-DnDFile/DnDFileName.java

```

1 package dndfile;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.geometry.Insets;
5 import javafx.scene.Scene;
6 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
7 import javafx.scene.input.Dragboard;
8 import javafx.scene.input.DragEvent;
9 import javafx.scene.input.TransferMode;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
12 import javafx.stage.Stage;
13
14 public class DnDFileName extends Application {
15     @Override
16     public void start(Stage stage) {
17         Label prompt = new Label("Drag a file");
18         prompt.setPadding(new Insets(10, 20, 10, 20));
19         Label info = new Label();
20         info.setPadding(new Insets(10, 20, 10, 20));
21
22         BorderPane bdPane = new BorderPane();
23         bdPane.setTop(prompt);
24         bdPane.setBottom(info);

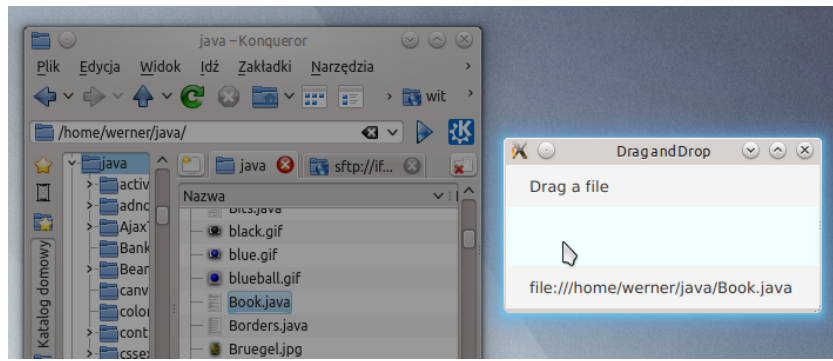
```

```

25     StackPane stack = new StackPane();
26     stack.setStyle(
27         "-fx-pref-width:          450;" +
28         "-fx-max-width:          999;" +
29         "-fx-pref-height:         50;" +
30         "-fx-background-color: azure;"
31     );
32     bdPane.setCenter(stack);
33
34     stack.addEventHandler(DragEvent.DRAG_OVER,
35         e -> {
36             if (e.getGestureSource() != bdPane &&
37                 e.getDragboard().hasString()) {
38                 e.acceptTransferModes(
39                     TransferMode.COPY_OR_MOVE);
40             }
41             e.consume();
42         }
43     );
44     stack.addEventHandler(DragEvent.DRAG_DROPPED,
45         e -> {
46             Dragboard db = e.getDragboard();
47             boolean success = false;
48             if (db.hasString()) {
49                 info.setText(db.getString());
50                 success = true;
51             }
52             // nobody listens anyway
53             e.setDropCompleted(success);
54             e.consume();
55         }
56     );
57
58     stage.setTitle("Drag and Drop");
59     stage.setScene(new Scene(bdPane));
60     stage.show();
61 }
62 public static void main(String[] args) {
63     launch(args);
64 }
65 }

```

The program displays



Listing 162

JYE-DnDImage/DnDImage.java

```

1 package dndimage;
2
3 import java.io.File;
4 import javafx.application.Application;
5 import javafx.scene.Node;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
8 import javafx.scene.image.Image;
9 import javafx.scene.input.Dragboard;
10 import javafx.scene.input.DragEvent;
11 import javafx.scene.input.TransferMode;
12 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
13 import javafx.scene.paint.ImagePattern;
14 import javafx.scene.shape.Circle;
15 import javafx.stage.Stage;
16
17 public class DnDImage extends Application {
18     @Override
19     public void start(Stage stage) {
20         StackPane root = new StackPane();
21         Circle circ = new Circle(130, 130, 100, Color.GRAY);
22         root.getChildren().add(circ);
23
24         circ.addEventHandler(DragEvent.DRAG_OVER,
25             e -> {
26                 Dragboard db = e.getDragboard();
27                 if(db.hasFiles())
28                     e.acceptTransferModes(TransferMode.ANY);
29                 e.consume();
30             }
31         );
32
33         circ.addEventHandler(DragEvent.DRAG_DROPPED,
34             e -> {
35                 Dragboard dboard = e.getDragboard();
36                 boolean success = false;
37                 if (dboard.hasFiles()) {
38                     File f = dboard.getFiles().get(0);

```

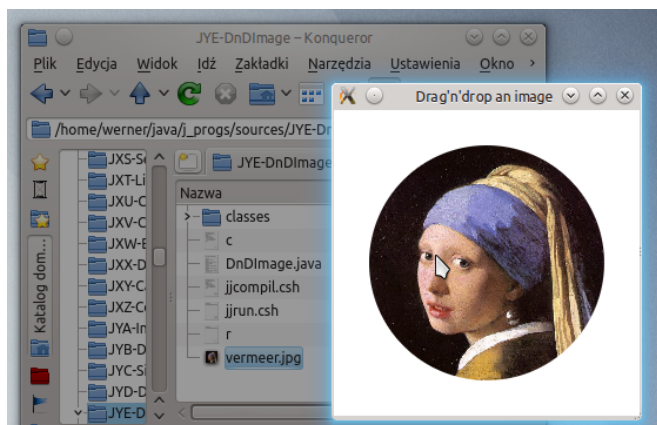


```

39         String path = f.toURI().toString();
40         circ.setFill(new ImagePattern(
41             new Image(path), 0, 0, 1, 1, true));
42         success = true;
43     }
44     e.setDropCompleted(success);
45     e.consume();
46 }
47 );
48
49 stage.setTitle("Drag'n'drop an image");
50 stage.setScene(new Scene(root, 260, 260));
51 stage.show();
52 }
53 public static void main(String[] args) {
54     launch(args);
55 }
56 }

```

The program displays



Listing 163

JYF-DnDLists/DnDLists.java

```

1 package dndlists;
2
3 import java.io.Serializable;
4 import java.util.ArrayList;
5 import java.util.Arrays;
6 import java.util.List;
7 import java.util.stream.Collectors;
8 import javafx.application.Application;
9 import javafx.collections.FXCollections;
10 import javafx.collections.ObservableList;
11 import javafx.geometry.Insets;
12 import javafx.event.EventHandler;
13 import javafx.scene.Scene;
14 import javafx.scene.control.ListView;

```

```

15 import javafx.scene.input.ClipboardContent;
16 import javafx.scene.input.DataFormat;
17 import javafx.scene.input.Dragboard;
18 import javafx.scene.input.DragEvent;
19 import javafx.scene.input.MouseEvent;
20 import javafx.scene.input.TransferMode;
21 import javafx.scene.layout.FlowPane;
22 import javafx.stage.Stage;
23 import static javafx.scene.control.SelectionMode.MULTIPLE;
24
25 public class DnDLists extends Application {
26     // our own data format, name irrelevant
27     static final DataFormat PERS_FORM =
28         new DataFormat("PersonFormat");
29
30     public static void main(String[] args) {
31         launch(args);
32     }
33
34     @Override
35     public void start(Stage stage) {
36         ObservableList<Person> persons =
37             FXCollections.observableArrayList(
38                 new Person("Mary"), new Person("Kate"),
39                 new Person("Cindy"), new Person("Chloe"),
40                 new Person("Judith"), new Person("Sandra"));
41         ListView<Person> listL = new ListView<>(persons);
42         ListView<Person> listR = new ListView<>();
43
44         FlowPane pane = new FlowPane(listL, listR);
45         pane.setHgap(10);
46         pane.setPadding(new Insets(10));
47
48         for (ListView<Person> list :
49             Arrays.asList(listL, listR)) {
50             list.getSelectionModel()
51                 .setSelectionMode(MULTIPLE);
52             list.setPrefSize(150, 200);
53             // DRAG DETECTED is a Mouse, not Drag event!
54             list.addEventHandler(MouseEvent.DRAG_DETECTED,
55                 e -> dragDetected(e, list));
56
57             list.addEventHandler(DragEvent.DRAG_OVER,
58                 e -> dragOver(e, list));
59
60             list.addEventHandler(DragEvent.DRAG_DROPPED,
61                 e -> dragDropped(e, list));
62
63             list.addEventHandler(DragEvent.DRAG_DONE,
64                 e -> dragDone(e, list));

```

```

65     }
66
67     stage.setScene(new Scene(pane, 330, 220));
68     stage.setTitle("DnD for custom data types");
69     stage.show();
70 }
71
72 private void dragDetected(MouseEvent e,
73                             ListView<Person> lv) {
74     if (lv.getSelectionModel()
75         .getSelectedIndices().size() > 0) {
76         Dragboard dBoard = lv.startDragAndDrop(
77             TransferMode.COPY_OR_MOVE);
78         ArrayList<Person> selected = new ArrayList<>(
79             lv.getSelectionModel().getSelectedItems());
80         ClipboardContent cont = new ClipboardContent();
81         cont.put(PERS_FORM, selected);
82         dBoard.setContent(cont);
83     }
84     e.consume();
85 }
86
87 private void dragOver(DragEvent e, ListView<Person> lv) {
88     Dragboard dragboard = e.getDragboard();
89     if (e.getGestureSource() != lv &&
90         dragboard.hasContent(PERS_FORM)) {
91         e.acceptTransferModes(TransferMode.COPY_OR_MOVE);
92     }
93     e.consume();
94 }
95
96 @SuppressWarnings("unchecked")
97 private void dragDropped(DragEvent e,
98                           ListView<Person> lv) {
99     boolean success = false;
100    Dragboard dragboard = e.getDragboard();
101    if (dragboard.hasContent(PERS_FORM)) {
102        // casting here cannot be checked by compiler,
103        // so we suppressed warnings for this method
104        ArrayList<Person> list =
105            (ArrayList<Person>)
106                dragboard.getContent(PERS_FORM);
107        lv.getItems().addAll(
108            list.stream()
109                .filter(p -> !lv.getItems().contains(p))
110                .collect(Collectors.toList())
111        );
112        success = true;
113    }
114    e.setDropCompleted(success);

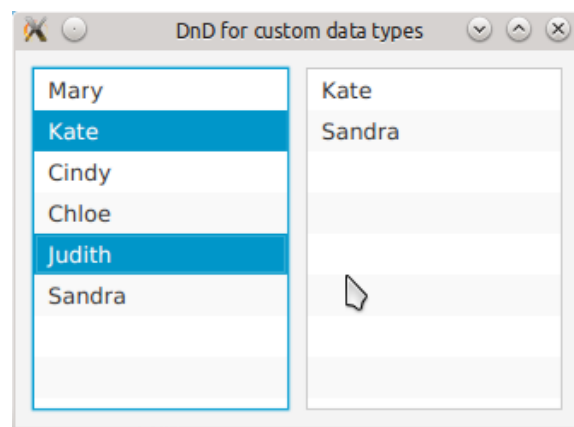
```

```

115     e.consume();
116 }
117
118 private void dragDone(DragEvent e, ListView<Person> lv) {
119     if (e.getTransferMode() == TransferMode.MOVE) {
120         List<Person> selected = new ArrayList<>(
121             lv.getSelectionModel().getSelectedItems());
122         lv.getSelectionModel().clearSelection();
123         lv.getItems().removeAll(selected);
124     }
125     e.consume();
126 }
127 }
128
129 class Person implements Serializable {
130     private String name;
131     public Person(String name) { this.name = name; }
132     public String getName() { return name; }
133     @Override
134     public String toString() { return name; }
135     @Override
136     public boolean equals(Object other) {
137         if (other == null || getClass() != other.getClass())
138             return false;
139         return (this == other ||
140             name.equals(((Person)other).name));
141     }
142     @Override // not necessary here, but if
143     public int hashCode() { // equals is overridden, then
144         return name.hashCode(); // hashCode should also be
145     }
146 }

```

The program displays



12.11 Miscellanea

Date picker:

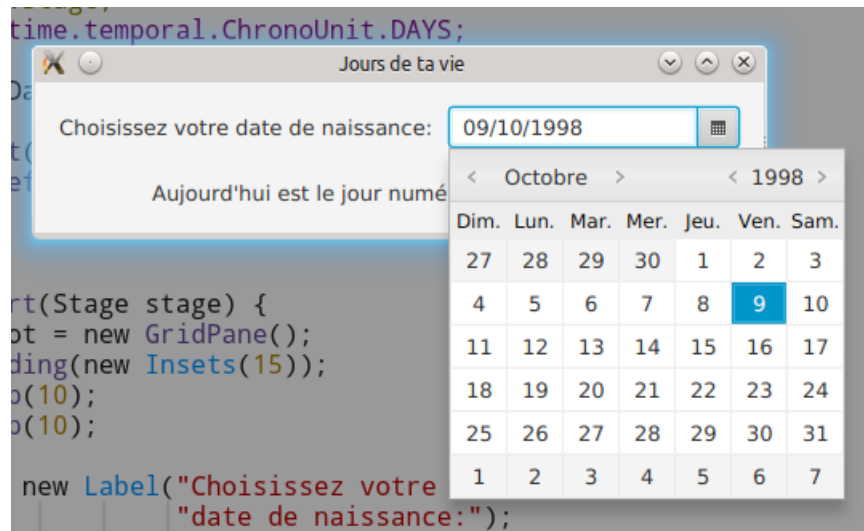
```
1 package seldate;
2
3 import java.time.LocalDate;
4 import java.util.Locale;
5 import javafx.application.Application;
6 import javafx.geometry.HPos;
7 import javafx.geometry.Insets;
8 import javafx.scene.Scene;
9 import javafx.scene.control.DatePicker;
10 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
12 import javafx.stage.Stage;
13 import static java.time.temporal.ChronoUnit.DAYS;
14
15 public class SelectDate extends Application {
16     @Override
17     public void init() {
18         Locale.setDefault(Locale.FRENCH);
19     }
20
21     @Override
22     public void start(Stage stage) {
23         GridPane root = new GridPane();
24         root.setPadding(new Insets(15));
25         root.setHgap(10);
26         root.setVgap(10);
27
28         Label lab = new Label("Choisissez votre " +
29                               "date de naissance:");
30         // so text will not be elided
31         lab.setMinSize(Label.USE_PREF_SIZE,
32                        Label.USE_PREF_SIZE);
33         Label message = new Label();
34         message.setPadding(new Insets(10));
35         GridPane.setHalignment(message, HPos.CENTER);
36         DatePicker picker = new DatePicker();
37         root.add(lab, 0, 0);
38         root.add(picker, 1, 0);
39         root.add(message, 0, 1, 2, 1);
40         picker.setOnAction(e -> {
41             LocalDate date = picker.getValue();
42             long days = DAYS.between(date, LocalDate.now());
43             message.setText("Aujourd'hui est le jour " +
44                             "num\u00e9ro " +
45                             days + " de ta vie...");
46         });
47         stage.setTitle("Jours de ta vie");
48         stage.setScene(new Scene(root));
```

```

49     stage.show();
50 }
51
52 public static void main(String[] args) {
53     launch(args);
54 }
55 }

```

which produces



Linear chart:

Listing 165

JXT-LinChart/ChartExample.java

```

1 package chart;
2
3 import java.io.BufferedReader;
4 import java.io.IOException;
5 import java.nio.file.Files;
6 import java.nio.file.Paths;
7
8 import javafx.application.Application;
9 import javafx.application.Platform;
10 import javafx.scene.Group;
11 import javafx.scene.Scene;
12 import javafx.stage.Stage;
13 import javafx.scene.chart.LineChart;
14 import javafx.scene.chart.NumberAxis;
15 import javafx.scene.chart.ValueAxis;
16 import javafx.scene.chart.XYChart;
17
18 public class ChartExample extends Application {
19     public static void main(String args[]){
20         launch(args);
21     }

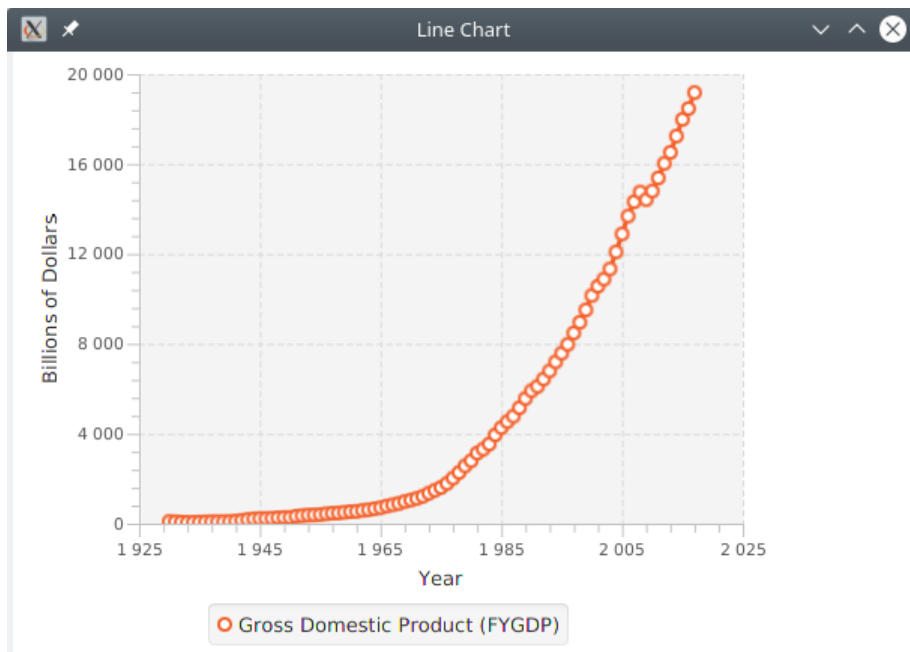
```

```

22
23 @Override
24 public void start(Stage stage) {
25     XYChart.Series<Number,Number> series =
26         new XYChart.Series<>();
27     series.setName("Gross Domestic Product (FYGDP)");
28     try (BufferedReader br =
29         Files.newBufferedReader(
30             Paths.get("grossProduct.csv"))) {
31         String line;
32         while ((line = br.readLine()) != null) {
33             String[] s = line.split(",");
34             series.getData().add(
35                 new XYChart.Data<Number,Number>(
36                     Integer.valueOf(s[0]),
37                     Double.valueOf(s[1])));
38         }
39     } catch(IOException e) {
40         System.out.println("No file or wrong format");
41         Platform.exit();
42     }
43
44     NumberAxis xAxis =
45         new NumberAxis("Year", 1925, 2025, 20);
46     NumberAxis yAxis = new NumberAxis(0, 20000, 4000);
47     yAxis.setLabel("Billions of Dollars");
48     LineChart<Number,Number> chart =
49         new LineChart<Number,Number>(xAxis, yAxis);
50     chart.getData().add(series);
51
52     Group root = new Group(chart);
53     stage.setTitle("Line Chart");
54     stage.setScene(new Scene(root, 600, 400));
55     stage.show();
56 }
57 }

```

which produces



Category chart:

Listing 166

JXU-CatChart/CategoryChart.java

```

1 package catchart;
2
3 import javafx.application.Application;
4 import javafx.geometry.Side;
5 import javafx.scene.Group;
6 import javafx.scene.Scene;
7 import javafx.scene.chart.AreaChart;
8 import javafx.scene.chart.CategoryAxis;
9 import javafx.scene.chart.NumberAxis;
10 import javafx.scene.chart.XYChart;
11 import javafx.stage.Stage;
12
13 public class CategoryChart extends Application {
14
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         launch(args);
17     }
18
19     @Override
20     public void start(Stage primaryStage) {
21         CategoryAxis xAxis = new CategoryAxis();
22         NumberAxis yAxis = new NumberAxis(0, 200, 20);
23         xAxis.setLabel("Month");
24         yAxis.setLabel("Rainfall [mm]");
25         yAxis.setMinorTickCount(2); // 2 subintervals, 1 tic
26
27         // Warsaw
28         XYChart.Series<String, Number>
29             seriesW = new XYChart.Series<>();

```



```

30     seriesW.setName("Warsaw");
31     seriesW.getData().add(
32         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("May'17",81.8));
33     seriesW.getData().add(
34         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Jun'17",61.2));
35     seriesW.getData().add(
36         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Jul'17",86.2));
37     seriesW.getData().add(
38         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Aug'17",44.7));
39     seriesW.getData().add(
40         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Sep'17",160.7));
41     seriesW.getData().add(
42         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Oct'17", 71.3));
43     seriesW.getData().add(
44         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Nov'17",63.6));
45     seriesW.getData().add(
46         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Dec'17",61.4));
47     seriesW.getData().add(
48         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Jan'18",41.0));
49     seriesW.getData().add(
50         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Feb'18",15.7));
51     seriesW.getData().add(
52         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Mar'18",31.4));
53     seriesW.getData().add(
54         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Apr'18",38.9));
55
56     // Paris
57     XYChart.Series<String,Number>
58         seriesP = new XYChart.Series<>();
59     seriesP.setName("Paris");
60     seriesP.getData().add(
61         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("May'17",98.4));
62     seriesP.getData().add(
63         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Jun'17",101.7));
64     seriesP.getData().add(
65         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Jul'17",100.0));
66     seriesP.getData().add(
67         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Aug'17",66.1));
68     seriesP.getData().add(
69         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Sep'17",105.1));
70     seriesP.getData().add(
71         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Oct'17",25.3));
72     seriesP.getData().add(
73         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Nov'17",87.2));
74     seriesP.getData().add(
75         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Dec'17",147.2));
76     seriesP.getData().add(
77         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Jan'18",188.0));
78     seriesP.getData().add(
79         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Feb'18",80.9));

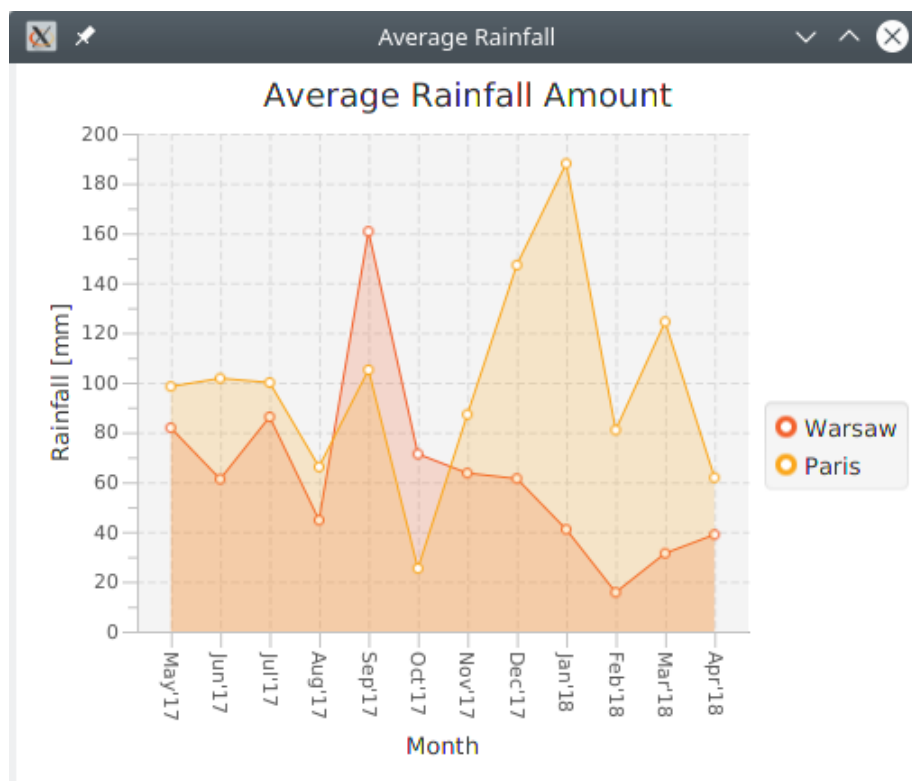
```

```

80     seriesP.getData().add(
81         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Mar'18",124.4));
82     seriesP.getData().add(
83         new XYChart.Data<String,Number>("Apr'18",61.8));
84
85     AreaChart<String,Number>
86         areaChart = new AreaChart<>(xAxis,yAxis);
87     areaChart.setTitle("Average Rainfall Amount");
88     areaChart.setLegendSide(Side.RIGHT);
89
90     areaChart.getData().add(seriesW);
91     areaChart.getData().add(seriesP);
92
93     Group root = new Group();
94     root.getChildren().add(areaChart);
95     primaryStage.setTitle("Average Rainfall");
96     primaryStage.setScene(new Scene(root, 500, 400));
97     primaryStage.show();
98 }
99 }

```

which produces



Combo-box:

Listing 167

JXV-Combo/Combo.java

```

1 package combo;
2

```

```

3  import javafx.application.Application;
4  import javafx.geometry.Pos;
5  import javafx.scene.Scene;
6  import javafx.scene.control.ComboBox;
7  import javafx.scene.control.Label;
8  import javafx.scene.layout.Priority;
9  import javafx.scene.layout.Region;
10 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
11 import javafx.scene.text.TextAlignment;
12 import javafx.stage.Stage;
13
14 public class Combo extends Application {
15     public static void main(String[] args) {
16         launch(args);
17     }
18
19     @Override public void start(Stage stage) {
20         ComboBox<String> combo = new ComboBox<>();
21         combo.getItems().addAll("Isolde", "Beatrice",
22                                 "Laura", "Guinevere",
23                                 "Heloise", "Juliet");
24
25         Label lab1 = new Label();
26         lab1.setTextAlignment(TextAlignment.CENTER);
27         lab1.setStyle("-fx-background-color: #cdf;" +
28                     "-fx-padding: 5pt;");
29         // binding to selected item of the combobox
30         lab1.textProperty().bind(combo.getSelectionModel()
31                                 .selectedItemProperty());
32
33         Label lab2 = new Label();
34         lab2.setTextAlignment(TextAlignment.CENTER);
35         lab2.setStyle("-fx-background-color: #fee;" +
36                     "-fx-padding: 5pt;");
37         // or attach a listener to changes of the combobox
38         combo.getSelectionModel().selectedItemProperty()
39             .addListener(
40                 (observable, oldV, newV) ->
41                     lab2.setText(combo.getSelectionModel()
42                                 .getSelectedItem())
43             );
44
45         combo.getSelectionModel().selectFirst();
46
47         // just a vertical space...
48         Region space = new Region();
49         space.setPrefHeight(130);
50
51         VBox root = new VBox(20);
52         VBox.setVgrow(space, Priority.ALWAYS);

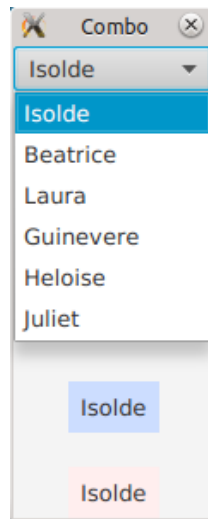
```

```

53     root.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
54     root.getChildren().addAll(combo, space, lab1, lab2);
55     stage.setTitle("Combo");
56     stage.setScene(new Scene(root));
57     stage.show();
58 }
59 }

```

which produces



TabPane:

Listing 168

JXH-WebTabs/Tabs.java

```

1  package webtabs;
2
3  import java.util.Arrays;
4  import java.util.List;
5  import javafx.application.Application;
6  import javafx.beans.value.ChangeListener;
7  import javafx.beans.value.ObservableValue;
8  import javafx.concurrent.Worker.State;
9  import javafx.geometry.Insets;
10 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
11 import javafx.scene.Scene;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.Priority;
13 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
14 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
15 import javafx.scene.control.Tab;
16 import javafx.scene.control.TabPane;
17 import javafx.scene.control.TreeItem;
18 import javafx.scene.control.TreeView;
19 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
20 import javafx.scene.text.Font;
21 import javafx.scene.web.WebEngine;
22 import javafx.scene.web.WebView;

```

```

23 import javafx.stage.Stage;
24
25 public class Tabs extends Application {
26
27     public static void main(String[] args) {
28         launch(args);
29     }
30
31     private static final List<String> cities =
32         Arrays.asList(
33             "Beijing", "Berlin", "Jerusalem", "Lisbon",
34             "London", "Madrid", "Paris", "Rome",
35             "Vienna", "Warsaw");
36     private static final List<String> countries =
37         Arrays.asList(
38             "Argentina", "Belgium", "Canada", "China",
39             "France", "Israel", "Norway", "Poland", "Russia",
40             "Spain", "Ukraine");
41     private static final String STR_WAIT =
42         "LOADING... please wait";
43     private static final String STR_SEL =
44         "Select a destination below";
45     private static final String WIKI =
46         "https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/";
47
48     @Override
49     public void start(Stage stage) {
50         TabPane tabPane = new TabPane();
51         Label label = new Label(STR_SEL);
52         label.setFont(Font.font(20));
53         label.setPadding(new Insets(30));
54         label.setTextFill(Color.TOMATO);
55
56         Tab tabWeb = new Tab("Info");
57         WebView viewWeb = new WebView();
58         WebEngine engWeb = viewWeb.getEngine();
59         tabWeb.setContent(viewWeb);
60         engWeb.getLoadWorker().stateProperty().addListener(
61             new ChangeListener<State>() {
62                 public void changed(ObservableValue ob,
63                     State oldV, State newV) {
64                     if (newV == State.SUCCEEDED) {
65                         label.setText(STR_SEL);
66                         tabPane.getSelectionModel()
67                             .select(tabWeb);
68                     }
69                 }
70             }
71         );
72

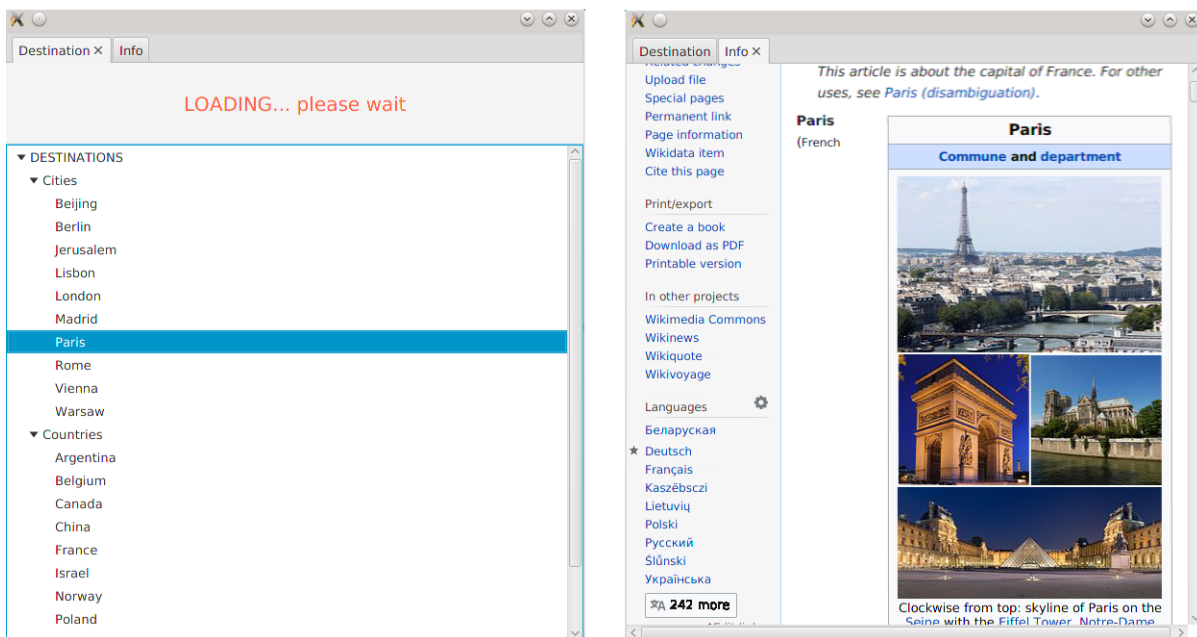
```

```

73     Tab tabTree = new Tab("Destination");
74     TreeView<String> treeView = getTree();
75     VBox grid = new VBox();
76     grid.getChildren().addAll(label, treeView);
77     VBox.setVgrow(treeView, Priority.ALWAYS);
78     grid.setAlignment(Pos.TOP_CENTER);
79     tabTree.setContent(grid);
80     treeView
81         .getSelectionModel()
82         .selectedItemProperty()
83         .addListener((obs, oldV, newV) -> {
84             if(newV == null || !newV.isLeaf()) return;
85             label.setText(STR_WAIT);
86             engWeb.load(WIKI + newV.getValue());
87         }
88     );
89
90     tabPane.getTabs().addAll(tabTree, tabWeb);
91
92     stage.setScene(new Scene(tabPane));
93     stage.show();
94 }
95
96 private static TreeView<String> getTree() {
97     TreeItem<String> treeRoot =
98         new TreeItem<>("DESTINATIONS");
99     treeRoot.setExpanded(true);
100
101     TreeItem<String> citiesNode =
102         new TreeItem<>("Cities");
103     for (String city : cities) {
104         TreeItem<String> item = new TreeItem<>(city);
105         citiesNode.getChildren().add(item);
106     }
107     treeRoot.getChildren().add(citiesNode);
108
109     TreeItem<String> countriesNode =
110         new TreeItem<>("Countries");
111     for (String country : countries) {
112         TreeItem<String> item = new TreeItem<>(country);
113         countriesNode.getChildren().add(item);
114     }
115     treeRoot.getChildren().add(countriesNode);
116
117     TreeView<String> treeView = new TreeView<>(treeRoot);
118     return treeView;
119 }
120 }

```

which produces



Transitions:

Listing 169

JXQ-Transitions/Transitions.java

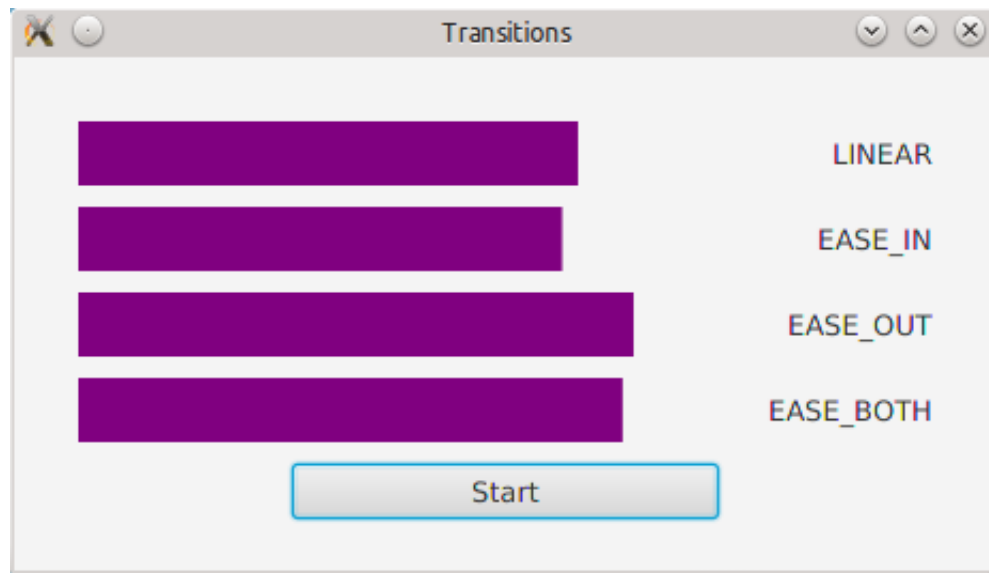
```
1 package transitions;
2
3 import javafx.animation.Animation;
4 import javafx.animation.KeyFrame;
5 import javafx.animation.KeyValue;
6 import javafx.animation.Timeline;
7 import javafx.application.Application;
8 import javafx.geometry.HPos;
9 import javafx.geometry.Insets;
10 import javafx.scene.Scene;
11 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
12 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
13 import javafx.scene.layout.ColumnConstraints;
14 import javafx.scene.layout.GridPane;
15 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
16 import javafx.scene.shape.Rectangle;
17 import javafx.stage.Stage;
18 import javafx.util.Duration;
19 import static javafx.animation.Interpolator.*;
20
21 public class Transitions extends Application {
22     public static void main(String[] args) {
23         launch(args);
24     }
25
26     @Override
27     public void start(Stage stage) {
```

```

28     double hG = 30, wD = 300, finalTime = 7;
29     final int bars = 4;
30
31     GridPane root = new GridPane();
32     root.setPadding(new Insets(hG));
33     root.setVgap(hG/3);
34     root.getColumnConstraints().addAll(
35         new ColumnConstraints(wD/3),
36         new ColumnConstraints(wD/3),
37         new ColumnConstraints(wD/3),
38         new ColumnConstraints(wD/3));
39     String[] inters = {
40         "LINEAR", "EASE_IN", "EASE_OUT", "EASE_BOTH"};
41     Rectangle[] rects = new Rectangle[bars];
42     for (int i = 0; i < bars; ++i) {
43         rects[i] = new Rectangle(0, hG);
44         rects[i].setFill(Color.PURPLE);
45         root.add(rects[i], 0, i, 3, 1);
46         Label lab = new Label(inters[i]);
47         root.add(lab, 3, i);
48         GridPane.setHalignment(lab, HPos.RIGHT);
49     }
50
51     Timeline anim = new Timeline(
52         new KeyFrame(Duration.seconds(finalTime),
53             new KeyValue(rects[0].widthProperty(),
54                 wD, LINEAR),
55             new KeyValue(rects[1].widthProperty(),
56                 wD, EASE_IN),
57             new KeyValue(rects[2].widthProperty(),
58                 wD, EASE_OUT),
59             new KeyValue(rects[3].widthProperty(),
60                 wD, EASE_BOTH)));
61     anim.setCycleCount(Animation.INDEFINITE);
62     Button start = new Button("Start");
63     start.setMaxWidth(Double.MAX_VALUE);
64     start.setPrefHeight(hG);
65     start.setOnAction(e -> anim.playFromStart());
66     root.add(start, 1, bars, 2, 1);
67     GridPane.setHalignment(start, HPos.CENTER);
68     Scene scene = new Scene(
69         root, 4*wD/3 + 2*hG, (4*bars + 8)*hG/3);
70     stage.setScene(scene);
71     stage.setTitle("Transitions");
72     stage.show();
73 }
74 }

```

which produces



Media: basic example

Listing 170

JXW-BasicMedia/BasicPlayer.java

```

1 package basicmedia;
2
3 // javafx.media must be included here
4
5 import javafx.application.Application;
6 import javafx.scene.Group;
7 import javafx.scene.Scene;
8 import javafx.scene.media.Media;
9 import javafx.scene.media.MediaPlayer;
10 import javafx.scene.media.MediaView;
11 import javafx.stage.Stage;
12
13 import java.io.File;
14
15 public class BasicPlayer extends Application {
16     public static void main(String[] args) {
17         launch(args);
18     }
19
20     @Override
21     public void start(Stage stage) {
22         // String sourceURL =
23         //     "http://download.oracle.com/" +
24         //     "otndocs/products/javafx/oow2010-2.flv";
25         // or
26         // String sourceURL =
27         //     "file:///home/werner/java/mediaplayer/rl.mp4";
28         // and then
29         // Media media = new Media(sourceURL);
30         // or in one line (works also with jar archives)
31         Media media = new Media(

```

```

32         ClassLoader.getResource("files/RL1.mp4")
33             .toExternalForm());
34     MediaPlayer mplayer = new MediaPlayer(media);
35     mplayer.setAutoplay(true);
36     MediaView mediaView = new MediaView(mplayer);
37     mediaView.setFitWidth(640);
38     mediaView.setFitHeight(360);
39     mediaView.setPreserveRatio(true);
40     Group root = new Group();
41     root.getChildren().add(mediaView);
42     stage.setScene(new Scene(root));
43     stage.show();
44 }
45 }

```

which shows the given video clip (with no controls, though...):



Media player with controls

Listing 171

JXX-DecentMedia/DecentPlayer.java

```

1 package decentmedia;
2
3 // javafx.media must be added here
4
5 import javafx.application.Application;
6 import javafx.beans.InvalidationListener;
7 import javafx.geometry.Insets;
8 import javafx.geometry.Pos;
9 import javafx.scene.Scene;
10 import javafx.scene.control.Button;
11 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
12 import javafx.scene.control.Slider;
13 import javafx.scene.image.Image;

```

```

14 import javafx.scene.image.ImageView;
15 import javafx.scene.layout.BorderPane;
16 import javafx.scene.layout.HBox;
17 import javafx.scene.layout.Priority;
18 import javafx.scene.media.Media;
19 import javafx.scene.media.MediaPlayer;
20 import javafx.scene.media.MediaPlayer.Status;
21 import javafx.scene.media.MediaView;
22 import javafx.stage.Stage;
23 import javafx.util.Duration;
24
25 public class DecentPlayer extends Application {
26     public static void main(String[] args) {
27         launch(args);
28     }
29
30     private Duration duration;
31     private double    durationSec;
32
33     @Override
34     public void start(Stage stage) {
35         Media media = new Media(
36             ClassLoader.getResource("files/RL2.mp4")
37                 .toExternalForm());
38         MediaPlayer mpl = new MediaPlayer(media);
39         mpl.setAutoPlay(false);
40         MediaView mediaView = new MediaView(mpl);
41
42         BorderPane root = new BorderPane();
43         root.setCenter(mediaView);
44
45         HBox controls = new HBox(15);
46         controls.setAlignment(Pos.CENTER);
47         controls.setPadding(new Insets(15));
48         BorderPane.setAlignment(controls, Pos.CENTER);
49
50         // icons
51         ImageView pause = new ImageView(
52             new Image(getClass()
53                 .getResourceAsStream("/files/pause.png")));
54         pause.setFitWidth(25); // height calculated to keep
55         pause.setPreserveRatio(true); // the aspect ratio
56         pause.setSmooth(true); // higher quality
57         pause.setCache(true); // improved performance
58         ImageView play = new ImageView(
59             new Image(getClass()
60                 .getResourceAsStream("/files/play.png")));
61         play.setFitWidth(25);
62         play.setPreserveRatio(true);
63         play.setSmooth(true);

```

```

64 play.setCache(true);
65
66 // play/pause button
67 Button playPauseButton = new Button();
68 playPauseButton.setGraphic(play);
69 playPauseButton.setOnAction(e -> {
70     Status status = mpl.getStatus();
71     switch (status) {
72         case UNKNOWN: case HALTED:
73         case DISPOSED: case STALLED:
74             return;
75         case PAUSED: case READY: case STOPPED:
76             playPauseButton.setGraphic(pause);
77             mpl.play();
78             break;
79         case PLAYING:
80             playPauseButton.setGraphic(play);
81             mpl.pause();
82     }
83 });
84 controls.getChildren().add(playPauseButton);
85
86 // progress slider
87 Slider slider = new Slider();
88 slider.setValue(0);
89 slider.setMin(0); // max will be known after
90                  // transition of mplayer to READY
91 // slider will grow, but not button and label
92 HBox.setHgrow(slider, Priority.ALWAYS);
93 slider.setMinWidth(90);
94 slider.setMaxWidth(Double.MAX_VALUE);
95 InvalidationListener sliderInvalid = obs ->
96     mpl.seek(Duration.seconds(slider.getValue()));
97 slider.valueProperty().addListener(sliderInvalid);
98
99 Label elapsedLab = new Label("0/00");
100
101 mpl.setOnReady(() -> {
102     // now we know duration and sizes of the media
103     // so we can size the view and show the stage
104     duration = mpl.getTotalDuration();
105     durationSec = duration.toSeconds();
106     slider.setMax(durationSec);
107     elapsedLab.setText("0/" + (int)durationSec);
108     mediaView.setFitWidth(media.getWidth());
109     mediaView.setFitHeight(media.getHeight());
110     mediaView.setPreserveRatio(true);
111     stage.show();
112 });
113

```

```

114     mpl.setOnEndOfMedia(() -> {
115         // rewind and pause
116         playPauseButton.setGraphic(play);
117         mpl.seek(mpl.getStartTime());
118         mpl.pause();
119         slider.setValue(0);
120     });
121
122     // InvalidationListener - we temporarily
123     // disable slider's listener so the two
124     // listeners do not 'compete'
125     mpl.currentTimeProperty().addListener(obs -> {
126         // InvalidationListener - we temporarily
127         // disable slider's listener so the two
128         // listeners do not 'compete'
129         slider.valueProperty()
130             .removeListener(sliderInvalid);
131         elapsedLab.setText((int)mpl.getCurrentTime()
132             .toSeconds() + "/" + (int)durationSec);
133         slider.setValue(mpl.getCurrentTime()
134             .toSeconds());
135         slider.valueProperty()
136             .addListener(sliderInvalid);
137     });
138
139     controls.getChildren().add(slider);
140     controls.getChildren().add(elapsedLab);
141     root.setBottom(controls);
142     stage.setScene(new Scene(root));
143     // stage will be shown in mpl.setOnReady,
144     // when duration and sizes are known
145 }
146 }

```

which shows the given video clip, this time with functional control bar:



Setting individual pixels of the canvas using its graphics context and that graphics context's pixel writer:

Listing 172

JXY-CanvasPixels/Julia.java

```

1 package julia;
2
3 // javafx.swing must be added here
4
5 import java.awt.image.BufferedImage;
6 import java.io.File;
7 import java.io.IOException;
8 import java.nio.ByteBuffer;
9 import javafx.application.Application;
10 import javafx.application.Platform;
11 import javafx.embed.swing.SwingFXUtils;
12 import javafx.scene.Scene;
13 import javafx.scene.canvas.Canvas;
14 import javafx.scene.canvas.GraphicsContext;
15 import javafx.scene.image.PixelWriter;
16 import javafx.scene.image.WritableImage;
17 import javafx.scene.layout.Pane;
18 import javafx.scene.paint.Color;
19 import javafx.stage.Stage;
20 import javax.imageio.ImageIO;
21
22 public class Julia extends Application {
23     public static void main(String[] args) {
24         launch(args);
25     }
26     // 20 distinguishable colors + white and black
27     // (by Sasha Trubetskoy - https://sashat.me)

```

```

28     Color[] colors = {
29         Color.web("#e6194b"), Color.web("#3cb44b"),
30         Color.web("#ffe119"), Color.web("#0082c8"),
31         Color.web("#f58231"), Color.web("#911eb4"),
32         Color.web("#46f0f0"), Color.web("#f032e6"),
33         Color.web("#d2f53c"), Color.web("#fabebe"),
34         Color.web("#008080"), Color.web("#e6beff"),
35         Color.web("#aa6e28"), Color.web("#ffac8"),
36         Color.web("#800000"), Color.web("#aaffc3"),
37         Color.web("#808000"), Color.web("#ffd8b1"),
38         Color.web("#000080"), Color.web("#808080"),
39         Color.web("#FFFFFF"), Color.web("#000000") };
40
41     static final int NUM_COLS = 11, MAX_IT = 35,
42                   WIDTH = 350, HEIGHT = 350;
43
44     @Override
45     public void start(Stage stage) {
46         if (NUM_COLS > colors.length) {
47             System.err.println("NUM_COLS too big");
48             Platform.exit();
49         }
50         Pane root = new Pane();
51         Canvas canvas = new Canvas(WIDTH, HEIGHT);
52         GraphicsContext gc = canvas.getGraphicsContext2D();
53
54         // double cre = -1, cim = 0;
55         double cre = 0.3, cim = 0.6;
56         drawJuliaSet(gc, cre, cim);
57
58         root.getChildren().add(canvas);
59         stage.setScene(new Scene(root));
60         stage.setTitle("Julia set: c = (" + cre +
61             ", " + cim + ")");
62         stage.show();
63     }
64
65     private void drawJuliaSet(GraphicsContext gc,
66                             double cre, double cim) {
67         if (Math.max(Math.abs(cre), Math.abs(cim)) > 1.001) {
68             System.out.println("c too big");
69             Platform.exit();
70         }
71         PixelWriter pixelWriter = gc.getPixelWriter();
72         final double ax = 2./(WIDTH-1), bx = -1;
73         final double ay = -2./(HEIGHT-1), by = +1;
74         for(int py = 0; py < HEIGHT; ++py) {
75             double zimT = ay*py + by;
76             for(int px = 0; px < WIDTH; ++px) {
77                 double zreT = ax*px + bx;
78                 int it = MAX_IT;

```

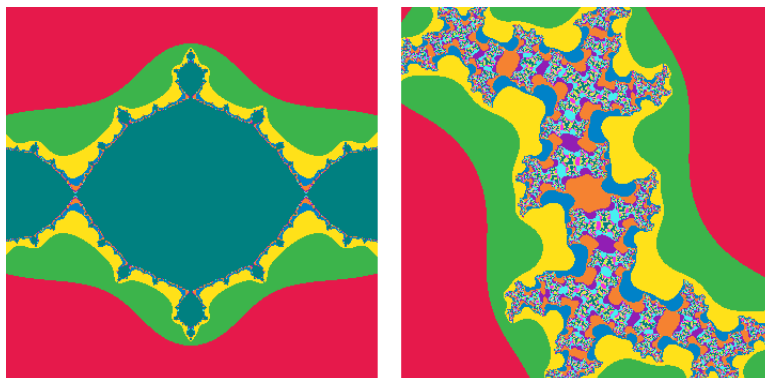


```

78         double zre = zreT, zim = zimT;
79         for(int i = 1; i < MAX_IT && i < it; ++i) {
80             double ozre = zre, ozim = zim;
81             zre = ozre*ozre - ozim*ozim + cre;
82             zim = 2*ozre*ozim + cim;
83             if (zre*zre + zim*zim > 4) it = i;
84         }
85         pixelWriter.setColor(
86             px, py, colors[it*(NUM_COLS-1)/MAX_IT]);
87     }
88 }
89 // saving canvas to a file
90 try {
91     WritableImage image =
92         new WritableImage(WIDTH, HEIGHT);
93     gc.getCanvas().snapshot(null, image);
94     BufferedImage bIm = SwingFXUtils
95         .fromFXImage(image, null);
96     ImageIO.write(bIm, "png", new File("Julia.png"));
97     System.out.println("File 'Julia.png' generated");
98 } catch (IOException ex) {
99     System.out.println("Error; file not generated");
100 }
101 }
102 }

```

For example, the figures below show two Julia sets for the square $\{-1, 1\} \times \{-1, 1\}$ of the complex plane with parameter $c = -1$ and $c = 0.3 + 0.6i$, respectively:



Embedding Swing components into a JavaFX application:

- Create a Swing component to be embedded into JavaFX GUI. Do not use heavy-weight components (like **JFrame**, but only light-weight ones; e.g., **JPanel**, which, of course, can contain other Swing light components as `swingPanel` in the example below;
- create an object of the **SwingNode** class (variable `swingNode` in the example below);
- on the **SwingNode**, invoke **setContent** passing the Swing component to be embedded into JavaFX GUI; this must be executed on the Swing's event dispatch thread;

- add the **SwingNode** to the JavaFX GUI

Listing 173

JYJ-SwingInFX/SwingInFX.java

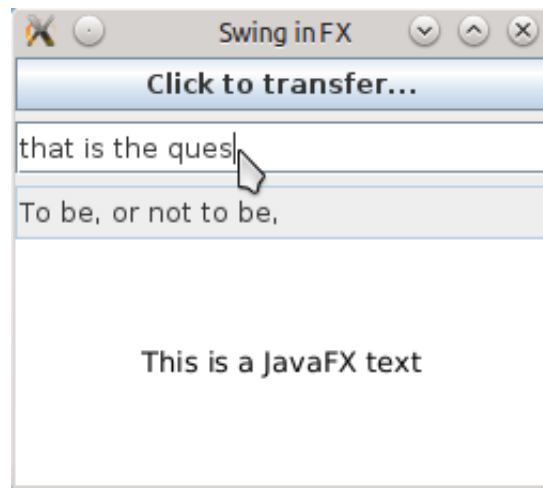
```
1 package swinginfx;
2
3 // javafx.swing must be added here
4
5
6 import java.awt.GridLayout;
7 import java.awt.event.ActionListener;
8 import javafx.application.Application;
9 import javafx.embed.swing.SwingNode;
10 import javafx.scene.Scene;
11 import javafx.scene.layout.VBox;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.StackPane;
13 import javafx.scene.text.Text;
14 import javafx.stage.Stage;
15
16 import javax.swing.JButton;
17 import javax.swing.JPanel;
18 import javax.swing.JTextField;
19 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
20
21 public class SwingInFX extends Application {
22     public static void main(String[] args) {
23         launch(args);
24     }
25     @Override
26     public void start(Stage stage) {
27         // swing part
28         JButton click = new JButton("Click to transfer...");
29         JTextField text = new JTextField(25);
30         JTextField shadow = new JTextField(25);
31         shadow.setEditable(false);
32         ActionListener action = e -> {
33             String s = text.getText();
34             text.setText("");
35             shadow.setText(s);
36             text.requestFocus();
37         };
38         click.addActionListener(action);
39         text.addActionListener(action);
40         JPanel swingPanel =
41             new JPanel(new GridLayout(3, 1, 5, 5));
42         swingPanel.add(click);
43         swingPanel.add(text);
44         swingPanel.add(shadow);
45         // embedding swing in SwingNode; setContent
46         // must be on Swing's event dispatch thread!
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47 SwingNode swingNode = new SwingNode();
48 SwingUtilities.invokeLater(new Runnable() {
49     @Override
50     public void run() {
51         swingNode.setContent(swingPanel);
52     }
53 });
54 // FX part
55 StackPane fxPane = new StackPane();
56 fxPane.setMinWidth(250);
57 fxPane.setMaxWidth(999);
58 fxPane.setPrefHeight(200);
59 fxPane.getChildren()
60     .add(new Text("This is a JavaFX text"));
61 // putting everything together
62 VBox vbox = new VBox();
63 vbox.getChildren().addAll(swingNode, fxPane);
64
65 stage.setTitle("Swing in FX");
66 stage.setScene(new Scene(vbox));
67 stage.show();
68 }
69 }

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The program displays a window (the main component being a **VBox**) containing two panes: the upper is a Swing **JPanel** embedded in a **SwingNode** and the lower one is a JavaFX **StackPane**.



Embedding JFX components into a Swing application is illustrated below:

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JYK-FXinSwing/FXinSwing.java

```

1 package fxinswing;
2
3 // javafx.swing must be added here
4
5 import java.awt.Dimension;

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6  import java.awt.GridLayout;
7  import javafx.application.Platform;
8  import javafx.embed.swing.JFXPanel;
9  import javafx.scene.Scene;
10 import javafx.scene.control.Label;
11 import javafx.scene.control.TextField;
12 import javafx.scene.layout.TilePane;
13 import javax.swing.JFrame;
14 import javax.swing.JLabel;
15 import javax.swing.JPanel;
16 import javax.swing.JTextField;
17 import javax.swing.SwingUtilities;
18 import static javafx.geometry.Orientation.VERTICAL;
19
20 public class FXinSwing {
21     JTextField swingText;
22     TextField  fxText;
23     JLabel     swingLabel;
24     Label      fxLabel;
25
26     public static void main(String[] args) {
27         new FXinSwing();
28     }
29     private FXinSwing() {
30         swingText = new JTextField(20);
31         swingText.addActionListener(e -> {
32             String s = swingText.getText();
33             swingText.setText("");
34             // must be on application thread,
35             // as we touch a JFX component
36             Platform.runLater(() -> fxLabel.setText(s));
37         });
38         swingLabel = new JLabel("Swing label");
39         JPanel swingPanel =
40             new JPanel(new GridLayout(2, 1, 0, 5));
41         swingPanel.add(swingText);
42         swingPanel.add(swingLabel);
43         swingPanel.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200,80));
44         JFrame fr = new JFrame("JFX in Swing");
45         fr.setDefaultCloseOperation(JFrame.EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
46         fr.setLayout(new GridLayout(1, 2, 10, 0));
47
48         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> {
49             JFXPanel fx = new JFXPanel();
50             // must be on application thread
51             Platform.runLater(() -> fx.setScene(getFX()));
52             fr.add(swingPanel);
53             fr.add(fx);
54             fr.pack();
55             fr.setLocationRelativeTo(null);

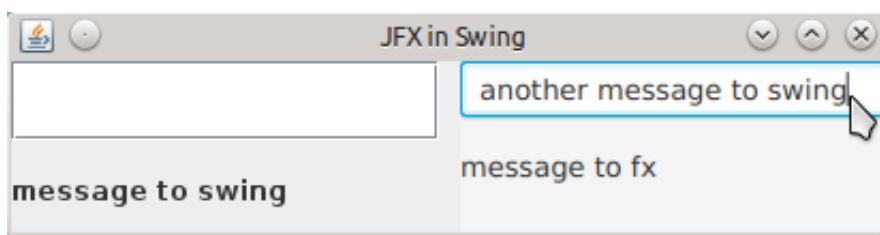
```

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56         fr.setVisible(true);
57     });
58 }
59
60 private Scene getFX() {
61     TilePane root = new TilePane(VERTICAL, 0, 10);
62     root.setPrefRows(2);
63     fxText = new TextField();
64     fxText.setOnAction(a -> {
65         String s = fxText.getText();
66         fxText.setText("");
67         // must be on EDT, as we
68         // touch a swing component
69         SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() ->
70             swingLabel.setText(s)
71         );
72     });
73     fxLabel = new Label("JFX label");
74     fxText.setPrefWidth(200);
75     fxLabel.setPrefWidth(200);
76     root.setPrefSize(200,80);
77     root.getChildren().addAll(fxText, fxLabel);
78     return new Scene(root);
79 }
80 }

```

The program displays a Swing **JFrame** containing two parts: Swing **JPanel** on the left and FX scene with a **TilePane** layout inside on the right. The FX scene is set on an object of type **JFXPanel**, which is a Swing ‘wrapper’ for FX components. Note that setting a listener for a Swing **JTextField**, we access the object `fxLabel`, which ‘belongs’ to JavaFX — therefore, we have to execute it on the application thread. In a similar way, when attaching a listener to FX **TextField**, we access `swingLabel`, so we have to do it on the EDT.



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